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EDITORIAL.

In presenting No. 1, Vol. 45, we should like to convey to our subscribers and readers our best wishes for a happy and prosperous New Year. As one of the few possessors of all the volumes from one up to the present time, we note that the array takes up now quite a respectable amount on our bookshelf, and in looking through the old copies note the evolution which has taken place with regard to the matter reported in the magazine.

Thanks to the energy of my co-editors we are at present paying our way. We would like, however, to be able to afford to increase the usefulness of the magazine by the inclusion of articles by some of the present-day masters, and analytical notes on the Openings by first-class players of the world, as well as more games. We almost always have a lot of notes and various matter which we should like to have had the space to give, but on the score of economy have been obliged to omit.

We are always grateful to those who introduce the magazine to their friends and procure for us an increase in our circulation. There is every year a falling off through death and other causes, and we wish not only to make up for this loss, but so increase the numbers that we may be able to give adequate return to chess masters for contributions we should like to obtain from them.

We are always pleased to receive from any subscriber suggestions as to improvements, and undertake to give them full consideration. We feel quite sure that they will much appreciate the resumé of Mr. Goldstein's lecture given at the Hampstead Chess Club on "Modern Ideas in the Openings."

We are sorry to note that the editors of *The Chess Budget* have not succeeded in obtaining the small circulation that is necessary for them to carry on without loss. Chessplayers as a whole are very apathetic to literature on their game, and *The Chess Budget*, reporting match results in full as it did, supplied a want which we have not the space to supply in our magazine. It is something to be thankful for that the *British Chess Magazine* has an unbroken record of forty-four years' existence, and my co-editors and myself are only too pleased to continue as long as the chess public are prepared to show their appreciation by subscribing.

It is probably unnecessary for us to review the past year ; readers of our notes will have had full information.

All chessplayers will have been pleased to see the re-entry of H. E. Atkins for the British championship at the B.C.F. congress,

and that once more he proved himself to be the finest player in England. It is always unfortunate when so strong a player as he is not an entrant, for the winner in that case must always feel that had Atkins been one of his opponents he might not have attained the position of British champion. We hope, however, that his return to these contests is likely to continue so long as he can keep up the form of which we know he is capable.

The British Chess Federation formed a sub-committee to go into the Rules of Chess, and this committee have made a few amendments, the chief of which is the abolition of the King Penalty for an illegal move, except in the case of a sealed move. These amended rules can be obtained of the British Chess Federation very shortly, price 6d.

A good move on the part of the Federation has been the purchase of sixty new clocks for county and other matches under their jurisdiction. These have already proved a boon to far distant counties in their matches.

Another wise move in our opinion has been the financial assistance which they have seen fit to give to the expenses entailed in the County championship matches.

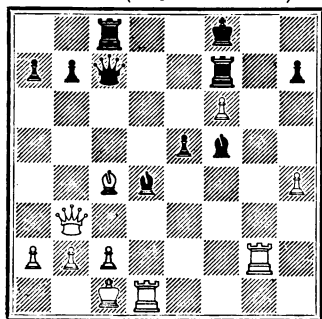
GAME ENDINGS.

We take the two interesting positions given below from *L' Alfieri di Re*.

The first occurred in the Paris Olympic Games tournament.

30 Q×B ch, K—K 1; 31 R—Kt 8 ch, K—Q 2; 32 R—Kt 7.

BLACK (J. J. O'HANLON)

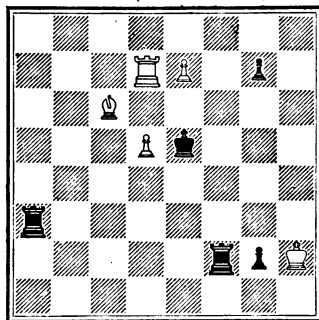


WHITE (ROMIH)

White played 27 R×B? and soon lost. He could, however, have won by the brilliant combination: 27 B×R, Q×B; 28 Q—Kt 4 ch, B—B 4 (or 28... K—K 1; 29 R—Kt 8 ch, K—Q 2; 30 R×B ch, P×R; 31 Q×Q P ch, K—B 2; 32 R—Kt 7 and wins); 29 R—Q 8 ch! R×R;

The second occurred in a recent off-hand game played in the Café Central, at Vienna.

BLACK (DR. W. RODE)



WHITE (DR. MATTFUSS)

Black won elegantly by: 1... K—B 5! 2 P—K 8 (Q), R—R 6 ch; 3 K×R (if 3 K—Kt 1, R—R 8 ch; 4 K×R, P—Kt 8 (Q) ch), P—Kt 8 (Kt) ch; 4 K—R 4, R—R 7 mate.

MODERN IDEAS IN CHESS.*

The game of chess may be shown to be very largely a struggle for the control of the centre in the opening and middle game, and we propose to demonstrate how the strange-looking openings adopted by the "hypermodern" school are the logical outcome of the development of this conception, and not merely the figment of a perverted mind, as has been maintained by those of the old school unable to make the necessary readjustment of thought.

After the usual moves 1 P—K 4, P—K 4, White has two obvious means of operating in the centre, *viz.*, 2 P—K B 4 or 2 P—Q 4. In the former case Black answers simply 2... P×P; 3 Kt—K B 3, P—Q 4! or 3 B—B 4, P—Q 4! with a counter-attack on the centre, and in practice he frequently obtains the superior game. In the latter case, after 2... P×P, White offers his Queen's Bishop and Queen's Knight's Pawns for the sake of rapid development, 3 P—Q B 3 (if 3 Q×P, Black gains time by Kt—Q B 3), P×P; 4 B—Q B 4 P×P; 5 Q B×P, speculating on raising an attack in the centre, which he has cleared for his Bishops. But again Black obtains the advantage by countering in the centre and returning the material won, *e.g.*, 5... P—Q 4!; 6 B×P, Kt—K B 3; 7 B×P ch, K×B; 8 Q×Q, B—Kt 5 ch. In Schlechter's opinion the ensuing end-game should be won for Black.

It thus became apparent that more indirect measures were called for if White wished to obtain an opening advantage. Black's Pawn on K 5 offers White a useful mark of attack, and he continues 2 Kt—K B 3, Kt—Q B 3; 3 B—Kt 5! Already there is a threat of B×Kt, followed by Kt×P at a suitable moment; also the advance P—Q 4 is far more effective than in the previous instance. The chess world has been striving for nearly a century to find a completely satisfactory solution to the problem set by White, but in practice the various defences adopted seem all open to some objection. Thus 3... P—Q R 3, followed by P—Q Kt 4, produces a weakness in Black's Queen-side Pawns; 3... P—Q 3 leaves Black with a cramped game; 3... B—B 4 leaves this piece open to attack by P—Q B 3 and P—Q 4; and so on with the remaining defences suggested from time to time.

Black accordingly realised that possibly 1... P—K 4 was not, after all, the best reply to 1 P—K 4, and that therefore the centre should be contested in some other way. The French Defence aims at controlling Black's Q 4, and after the usual 1... P—K 3; 2 P—Q 4, P—Q 4, Black will seek to provoke White to advance his King's Pawn to the fifth, whereupon a counter-attack in the centre by P—Q B 4 and P—K B 3 will become feasible. A good example of this plan is given in the following game played in the Mährisch-Ostrau tournament last year.

* Adapted, at our request, from a lecture delivered by Mr. M. E. Goldstein, at the Hampstead Chess Club on November 22nd.—ED.

GAME NO. 5,325.

French Defence.

WHITE		BLACK		WHITE		BLACK	
E. D. BOGOLJUBOFF		R. RÉTI		E. D. BOGOLJUBOFF		R. RÉTI	
1 P—K 4		P—K 3		23 R—B 2		Kt—K 6 (c)	
2 P—Q 4		P—Q 4		24 R—K 1		P—B 5!	
3 Kt—Q B 3		Kt—K B 3		25 P—Q Kt 4		B—R 5	
4 P—K 5		K Kt—Q 2		26 R (K 1)—K 2		Kt—Q 8! (d)	
5 Q—Kt 4 (a)		P—Q B 4		27 R—B 1		Kt—B 6	
6 Kt—Kt 5		P×P		28 R (K 2)—B 2		Kt—Kt 8!	
7 Kt—K B 3		Kt—Q B 3		29 B—Kt 2		P—B 6	
8 Kt—Q 6 ch		B×Kt		30 Kt—Kt 3 (e)		B×Kt	
9 Q×P		B×P!		31 R P×B		Kt—Q 7	
10 Kt×B		Q—B 3		32 R—K 1		K R—Q 1	
11 Q×Q		Kt×Q		33 B—B 1		P—Q 6 (f)	
12 B—Q Kt 5		B—Q 2		34 P×P		R×P	
13 Kt—B 3		Kt—K 5		35 B×Kt		R×B	
14 Castles		P—B 3		36 R—R 1		K—K 3	
15 B×Kt		P×B		37 K—B 1		R×R ch	
16 Kt×P (b)		P—Q B 4		38 K×R		P—B 7	
17 Kt—K 2		K—B 2		39 R—Q B 1		K—Q 4	
18 P—K B 3		Kt—Q 3		40 K—K 3		R—B 6 ch	
19 P—Q Kt 3		P—K 4		41 K—Q 2		K—Q 5	
20 B—R 3		Q R—Q B 1		42 P—R 4		R—Q 6 ch	
21 Q R—Q 1		P—Q 5		43 Resigns (g)			
22 Kt—B 1		Kt—B 4					

(a) This attack was introduced by the late Mr. W. Gledhill, of Leeds. It requires to be met carefully, but must be considered premature, yielding Black an advantage in the centre.

(b) White has at long last recovered his Pawn, but although the position may now appear even, the expert will realise that Black has very good winning chances owing to his great command of the centre. The game affords a fine example of the value of a strong centre for the middle and end-games.

(c) White has now an extremely cramped game, his Rooks having no mobility.

(d) A splendid manoeuvre, in conjunction with his 28th move. Modern players show great imagination in the manipulation of their minor pieces.

(e) If 30 B—R 1, simply Kt—Q 7, and White's Bishop can never emerge.

(f) Decisive; if 34 B×Kt, P×B; 35 R×Q P, P×P wins.

(g) Black plays K—B 6 after exchange of Rooks. A beautiful game on the part of Réti.

Another line of play in this opening, called the McCutcheon variation, runs 3 Kt—Q B 3, Kt—K B 3; 4 B—Kt 5, B—Kt 5 with the double threat P—K R 3 and P—K Kt 4, and P—B 4. Thus a direct attack on White's centre is at once instituted. But White appears to obtain some advantage by the simple exchange of centre Pawns, as also in the more difficult game resulting from 5 P—K 5, P—K R 3; 6 B—Q 2, B×Kt; 7 P×B, Kt—K 5; 8 Q—Kt 4, K—B 1! The chief objection to the French Defence is that Black's Queen's Bishop is condemned to a long inactivity.

The Caro-Kann Defence, i.e., P—Q B 3, leads to variations resembling those of the French Defence, but is not quite so good.

The Sicilian Defence, 1... P—Q B 4, anticipates White's intended P—Q 4 and has been adopted, with very fair results, by the strongest players of the day. After 2 Kt—K B 3, P—K 3; 3 P—Q 4, P×P; 4 Kt×P, Kt—K B 3; 4 Kt—B 3, B—Kt 5, Black obtains an excellent development; or he may content himself with the more conservative system, 5... P—Q 3, B—K 2, P—Q R 3, Q—B 2, Q Kt—Q 2, P—Q Kt 4 and B—Kt 2, bearing on the important square K 5. There is also the fianchetto development of the King's Bishop at Black's disposal, 2 Kt—K B 3, Kt—Q B 3; 3 P—Q 4, P×P; 4 Kt×P, P—K Kt 3, bearing on Q 5. In this opening we may perceive the origin of the modern idea of placing the Bishops in fianchetto, where they control the centre at a distance, and are not liable to the danger of premature exchange.

Of the other irregular replies to 1 P—K 4, the Centre Counter, i.e., P—Q 4; 2 P×P, Q×P; 3 Kt—Q B 3, Q—Q R 4; 4 P—Q 4, Kt—K B 3 exerts pressure on Q 5, with Castles Q R and P—K 4 threatened; and the defence popularised by Nimzovitch, i.e., Kt—Q B 3; 2 P—Q 4, P—Q 4; 3 P—K 5 (3 P×P, Q×P leads to positions similar to the Centre Counter) gives Black a promising game after 3... B—B 4 and P—B 3.

All these defences have certain disadvantages which have militated against their general adoption, and it was only recently that the modern players evolved an entirely original opening. Seeing that after 1 P—K 4, P—K 4?; 2 Kt—K B 3! Black's King's Pawn was at once endangered, Alekhine examined the possibilities of 1... Kt—K B 3, immediately attacking White's "weak" King's Pawn. This is an extraordinary move, and marks the parting of the ways between the old and the new schools. "What right has Black to make such a move, affronting all our cherished principles?" say the classics. "Your first move is a blunder, after which White's game is in its last throes," retorts Breyer.

White naturally pushes on his King's Pawn, and after 2 P—K 5, Kt—Q 4; 3 P—Q B 4, Kt—Kt 3; 4 P—Q 4 considers that he has gained "time" in driving the hostile Knight, and has established a centre. Black, however, perceives that this centre is much weaker than it looks, and plays 4... P—Q 3; 5 P—B 4, P×P; 6 B P×P, Kt—B 3; 7 B—K 3, B—B 4; 8 Kt—Q B 3, P—K 3; 9 B—K 2, Q—Q 2; 10 Kt—B 3, Castles Q R. White's centre is under considerable pressure, and he will not find it easy to make anything of his position. It thus appears that the advance of the King's Pawn was in accordance with Black's plan, and that White has weakened his position by playing P—K 5. Has he anything better at his disposal? The threat on the King's Pawn must be met, and the only plausible alternatives are 2 P—Q 3 and 2 Kt—Q B 3. Against 2 P—Q 3 Black can play 2... P—K 4 with no disadvantage, White having "voluntarily" cramped himself. Against 2 Kt—Q B 3 Black may transpose into the Vienna Game by 2... Kt—K B 3, having avoided the dreaded Ruy Lopez, or he may try 2... P—Q 4; 3 P—K 5, P—Q 5. This defence was adopted by Alekhine, Em. Lasker and Tartakover against Maróczy, a high priest of the Classical School,

at the recent New York tournament, and seeing that they obtained two wins and a draw, it cannot be said that the opening was disproved.

The advance 1 P—K 4 thus appears almost as suspect as Black's reply 1... P—K 4, and the masters consequently turned their attentions to the Queen-side openings, which admits of far less exact analysis than the openings arising from 1 P—K 4, and therefore afford greater scope for the originality of the modern masters. 1 P—Q 4, P—Q 4; 2 P—Q B 4. Now the exchange, 2... P×P, is not so good as the corresponding move in the King's Gambit, because White's King is in no danger, and after 3 Kt—K B 3, preventing the counter advance P—K 4, White recovers the Pawn, with the superior position in the centre. 2... P—K 3; 3 Kt—Q B 3, Kt—K B 3; 4 B—Kt 5, Q Kt—Q 2; 5 P—K 3, B—K 2; 6 Kt—B 3, Castles is a plausible series of moves on both sides, and yet after the simple move 7 R—B 1! Black's defence is so extraordinarily difficult that many masters consider White to have a winning game. Capablanca adopted this defence in the first round of the New York tournament against Janowski (*B.C.M.*, 1924, p. 210). and had difficulty in escaping with a draw. The other masters evidently learnt from his misadventure, for this system of defence was not adopted in any subsequent round of the tournament. Black can also counter-attack in the centre as early as the third move with 3... P—Q B 4. White continues 4 B P×P, K P×P; 5 Kt—B 3, Kt—Q B 3; 6 P—K Kt 3! bearing on Black's weak point, Q 4, and only Tarrasch, with a devotion worthy of a better cause, has a good word to say for Black's game.

It therefore appears that 1... P—Q 4 is as grave an error in answer to 1 P—Q 4 as 1... P—K 4 is in answer to 1 P—K 4, and Black cast around for other methods of contesting the centre. 1... Kt—K B 3, preventing P—K 4, suggested itself, followed by the flank development of the Queen's Bishop, a system of defence introduced by Nimzovitch at the St. Petersburg National Masters Tournament in 1913. White plays 2 Kt—K B 3, P—K 3; 3 P—B 4, P—Q Kt 3; 4 P—K Kt 3! and obtains a pronounced advantage, largely owing to the fact that, after Castling, his Bishop on K Kt 2 is defended by his King, while Black's Bishop on Q Kt 2 has no support. A drastic example of this was seen in the Carlsbad game between Bogoljuboff and Nimzovitch in 1923, won by the former with 5 B—Kt 2, B—K 2; 6 Kt—B 3, Castles; 7 Castles, P—Q 4; 8 Kt—K 5! Q Kt—Q 2; 9 P×P! Kt×Kt; 10 P—Q 6! B×B; 11 P×B, Q×P; 12 P×Kt, B×R; 13 P×Kt, Q×P; 14 Q×B.

Another line of play runs 3... P—B 4; 4 P—Q 5 (White considers that the omission of ... P—Q 4 is a mistake), P—Q Kt 4! offering a Pawn for great freedom, e.g., 5 B P×P, B—Kt 2; 6 P×P, B P×P followed by P—Q 4, B—Q 3 and Castles, with a position resembling the Evans Gambit, but even more promising for Black. This Gambit was disproved by the simple move 5 B—Kt 5, followed by P—K 4, with an advantage in the centre.

Experiments were then made with the other fianchetto, and it speedily became apparent that this was a far more promising continuation for Black. After 2 Kt—K B 3, P—K Kt 3; 3 P—B 4, B—Kt 2, Black obtains a solid position on the King's wing after Castling, tempting White to premature attacks which frequently recoil on his own head. White plays 4 Kt—B 3, "threatening" P—K 4; is this move to be prevented or provoked? Mr. Burn is of the latter opinion, and plays 4... O—O; 5 P—K 4, P—Q 3; 6 P—K R 3, Kt—B 3! (Réti favours 6... P—B 4 and if 7 P—Q 5, P—K 3!) threatening P—K 4. White continues 7 B—K 3, 'but after 7... P—K 4; 8 P—Q 5, Kt—Kt 1! followed by P—Q R 4 and Kt—R 3—B 4, Black has a promising game, with Kt—R 4 (or K—R 1 and Kt—Kt 1), P—K B 4 to follow later. A good example of Black's attack is shown in the game between Alekhine and Yates at Carlsbad (*B.C.M.*, 1923, p. 259).

Some continental masters think differently, and play Grünfeld's variation 4... P—Q 4; 5 P×P (it may be mentioned that 5 P—K 3, Castles; 6 Q—Kt 3! is a stronger continuation, forcing Black to abandon his centre by P×P, or to play P—B 3, taking away the best square from his Queen's Knight), Kt×P; 6 P—K 4, Kt×Kt; 7 P×Kt. White has occupied the centre and according to classical views should have the advantage; yet there is scarcely a master of the first rank now willing to take up the cudgels on White's behalf. Black replies P—Q B 4 followed by an exchange of Pawns, and White's centre is then seen to be very weak, for if he advance P—K 5 his Queen's Pawn will be backward, and if he play P—Q 5 later on, a fine diagonal will be opened for Black's King's Bishop. A good example is the following game played in the Schlechter Memorial Tournament at Vienna in 1923.

GAME No. 5,326.

Queen's Pawn Game (Grünfeld's Defence).

WHITE		BLACK	
B. PATAY		R. RETI	
1	P—Q 4	15	Q×Q
2	Kt—K B 3	16	P×Kt
3	P—B 4	17	R—Q 3
4	Kt—B 3	18	K R—Q 1
5	P×P	19	K R—Q 2
6	P—K 4	20	P—Q R 3
7	P×Kt	21	R×R
8	B—Kt 5 ch	22	B—B 3
9	B×B ch	23	K—Kt 2
10	Castles	24	B—Kt 4
11	P×P	25	R—B 3
12	B—Kt 2	26	B×R
13	Q—R 4 (a)	27	P—R 3
14	Q R—Q 1	28	P—Q R 4
			P—Q Kt 4

29 K—B 1	P×P	32 K—B 2	K—B 5
30 K—K 2	K—Kt 4	33 B—R 1	P—B 3
31 K—Q 3	P—R 6 (b)	34 Resigns	

(a) Réti suggests that 14 R—Kt 1 and if KR—Q 1; 15 P—Q 5 was preferable. After the text-move the resulting end-game is manifestly in Black's favour, owing to his majority of Pawns on the Queen's wing and the difficulty White has in utilising his King-side Pawns.

(b) Threatening B—B 8—Kt 7.

Réti pondered over the advantages of the flank development of the Bishops in the instances mentioned above, and tried the same idea for White, which should give him at least a move in hand, compared with the variations just discussed. He opens his games with 1 Kt—K B 3, P—Q 4; 2 P—B 4. We will briefly examine Black's possible replies, 2... P×P; 2... P—Q 5; 2... P—K 3 and 2... P—Q B 3. If 2... P×P White will not play the routine move 3 Q—R 4 ch (modern masters have a dread of being stigmatised as routine players, wishing to play each game on its merits, and not on the pattern fashioned by innumerable master games of the past), but instead recovers his Pawn with advantage by 3 Kt—R 3, the Knight having a good future on B 4. 2... P—Q 5 is recommended by a former generation of masters as cramping White's game, but the position-insight of the modern players proves that this Pawn is weak! A little game played at Rotterdam admirably shows this.

GAME NO. 5,327.

Réti's Opening.

WHITE M. EUWE		BLACK R. LOMAN		WHITE M. EUWE		BLACK R. LOMAN	
1	Kt—K B 3	P—Q 4		10	Q×B	P—Q B 3	
2	P—B 4	P—Q 5		11	P—K R 4	Castles	
3	P—Q Kt 4 (a)	P—K Kt 3		12	P—R 5 (c)	R—K 1	
4	B—Kt 2	B—Kt 2		13	Castles Q R	P—R 4	
5	Kt—R 3	P—K 4		14	R P×P	K R P×P	
6	Kt—B 2	B—Kt 5		15	Q—R 3	P×P	
7	P—K 3!	Kt—K 2 (b)		16	Kt×Q P! (d)	B×Kt	
8	P×P	P×P		17	Q—R 8 ch!	Resigns	
9	P—K R 3	B×Kt					

(a) Preventing Black from supporting his weak Pawn with P—Q B 4.

(b) If 7... P—K 5; 8 P—K R 3; or if 7... P—Q 6; 8 Kt—R 3 and the advanced Queen's Pawn is lost. It will be noticed that Black's troubles arise, in part, from his unsupported Bishop on Kt 2, which he has never had time to defend by Castling.

(c) White now obtains a winning attack.

(d) Decisive; if 16... K—B 1; 17 Q—R 7, B×Kt; 18 Q—R 6 ch, K—Kt 1; 19 Q—R 8 ch! wins.

We will now consider 2... P—K 3; 3 P—K Kt 3, Kt—K B 3; 4 B—Kt 2, B—Q 3; 5 P—Kt 3, Castles; 6 Castles, R—K 1; 7 B—Kt 2, Q Kt—Q 2; 8 P—Q 4, P—B 3; 9 Q Kt—Q 2, Kt—K 5. This adventure turns out badly for Black, but it is not easy to find a good plan of campaign. 10 Kt×Kt, P×Kt; 11 Kt—K 5, P—K B 4; 12 P—B 3! P×P; 13 B×P and White already has a marked

advantage, which he pressed home to victory in faultless style. (Réti-Bogoljuboff, New York, 1924, and awarded the First Brilliancy prize). It will be observed that the Bishops are developed on the flanks, and the centre is left intact as long as practicable in the hopes of taking advantage of any error of position-judgment made by Black. Réti has gained splendid victories over Alekhine, Bogoljuboff, Capablanca, Janowski, Ed. Lasker, Rubinstein, Tartakover and Yates among others, by the adoption of this system, which requires, however, very deep positional insight. A striking instance is the game between Réti and Grüber, given in the *B.C.M.*, 1924, p. 109, in which Black's slight error of judgment in retiring his Queen's Bishop to R 2 instead of Q 2 proved disastrous.

It was left to Em. Lasker to discover an inherent weakness in the system, and he played 2... P—Q B 3! against Réti at New York. This attacks White's weak point Q B 4, and after 3 P—Q Kt 3, B—B 4; 4 B—Kt 3, Kt—K B 3; 5 B—K Kt 2, Q Kt—Q 2; 6 B—Kt 2, P—K 3; 7 Castles, B—Q 3; 8 P—Q 3, Castles; 9 Q Kt—Q 2, P—K 4 followed by P—Q R 4! he obtained an excellent game (see *B.C.M.*, 1924, p. 330). In a later game played at Minsk between Rosenschein and Blumberg, White improved on this by playing 3 P×P, P×P; 4 P—K Kt 3 and obtained a satisfactory position.

Tartakover has pointed out we are witnessing the birth of a new strategy. Whether the new system will be permanent, or will enjoy but a fleeting popularity, cannot be known for some time, but it will at least be admitted that the "unprincipled" hypermoderns have produced some of the most beautiful games on record. It seems ungenerous to reproach them for the occasional lack of success inevitable to the pioneer in every branch of mental activity.

REVIEW.

Schacherinnerungen des jüngsten Anderssen-Schülers. By Fritz Riemann. Berlin: W. de Gruyther & Co. M. 5.25 each part, unbound.

The first two parts have reached us of these "chess reminiscences of Anderssen's youngest pupil," and we have perused with interest the introductory matter—Herr Riemann's own record of the years 1873-88 and Dr. C. Schwede's memoir of Anderssen—and a number of the games which follow. These games already number 368, so that when the work is completed, in four parts, there will evidently be a fairly extensive collection of the author's games.

Herr Riemann took part in the first congress of the German Chess Federation at Leipzig in 1879, at an early age, coming out fifth in a field of twelve. At the much stronger Berlin congress of 1881—an international affair which Blackburne won—he was thirteenth only; but at Nuremberg, 1883, and Hamburg, 1885, both international tournaments, he did better, being placed sixth (equal with Bird) and eighth (equal with Schallopp) respectively. It is hardly necessary, therefore, to say that his play was of a high order. But the early games, when he received odds from the great Anderssen, are in themselves sufficient to give value to the book.

NEWS FROM THE BRITISH ISLES.

Final of the English Counties Championship.—This match was played on December 13th, at 7 Cornmarket, Oxford, between Surrey and Warwickshire. Both counties were well represented but the southerners were in excellent form and scored a decisive win by 10 to 6.

SURREY.				WARWICKSHIRE.				
1	F. F. L. Alexander..	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	A. J. Mackenzie ..	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$
2	R. P. Michell ..	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	F. G. Butcher ..	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$
3	H. B. Uber ..	..	..	I	S. T. Bee ..	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$
4	R. C. J. Walker ..	..	..	I	A. F. Kallaway ..	..	..	O
5	H. S. Barlow ..	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	J. J. Spence ..	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$
6	F. L. Armstrong ..	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	F. H. Morris..	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$
7	H. C. Griffiths ..	..	..	I	F. J. Burgoyne ..	..	..	O
8	W. E. Allnutt ..	..	..	I	A. R. Chamberlain ..	..	..	O
9	L. P. Rees ..	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	E. B. Conway ..	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$
10	G. A. Felce ..	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	F. V. Dix ..	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$
11	P. J. Allingham ..	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	G. H. Edwards ..	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$
12	H. G. Felce ..	..	..	O	R. Filkin ..	..	..	I
13	B. H. N. Stronach ..	..	..	* $\frac{1}{2}$	F. J. Roden ..	..	..	* $\frac{1}{2}$
14	A. Fletcher ..	..	..	I	T. Bray ..	..	..	O
15	A. J. Spencer ..	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	W. T. Bayliss ..	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$
16	E. W. Davies ..	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	P. Allender ..	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$

This victory will bring Somerset and Devon together on January 24th and a keen match is sure to return between these old rivals.

In Section 4 Hants played their second match with Dorset at Bournemouth, and again won by $11\frac{1}{2}-4\frac{1}{2}$! a curious fact. The first board brought together two veteran friends who often played together in their youth, J. H. Blake and E. L. Raymond, the former proving he is still the master player as of yore.

HAMPSHIRE.						DORSETSHIRE.					
1	J. H. Blake	..	..	..	I	E. L. Raymond	..	..	..	0	
2	H. D. Lloyd	..	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	Capt. R. S. Bowles	..	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	
3	F. J. H. Elwell	..	..	..	I	W. H. Curtis	..	..	..	0	
4	C. T. Bennett	..	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	J. M. Doulton	..	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	
5	F. A. Joyce	..	..	..	0	Capt. P. H. di Marco	..	..	..	I	
6	H. A. Way	..	..	..	0	D. H. Napper	..	..	..	I	
7	A. Hayes	..	..	..	I	W. T. Wilkinson	..	..	..	0	
8	W. J. Fry	..	..	..	I	Dr. C. E. Scudamore	..	..	..	0	
9	H. C. Osborne	..	..	..	I	P. Ward	..	..	..	0	
10	E. P. Parsons	..	..	..	I	O. Robbins	..	..	..	0	
11	P. L. Blakeley	..	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	L. L. Adams	..	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	
12	E. Clayton	..	..	..	I	G. Hicks	..	..	..	0	
13	F. G. Binning	..	..	..	I	H. K. Money	..	..	..	0	
14	Rev. E. Wells	..	..	..	I	Admiral J. H. Glossop	..	..	..	0	
15	A. S. Dance	..	..	..	I	W. J. Ibbett	..	..	..	0	
16	P. E. Talbot	..	..	..	0	E. Lambert	..	..	..	I	
11 $\frac{1}{2}$						4 $\frac{1}{2}$					

Whom Hampshire will meet in the semi-final depends on the battle between Herts and Berks in London, on January 17th. Each of these counties have beaten Bedfordshire, the score of the match between Herts and Beds on December 6th, at St. Albans, follows.

HERTFORDSHIRE.					BEDFORDSHIRE.					
1	Sir E. Wigram	..	..	..	* $\frac{1}{2}$	W. Church	..	..	..	* $\frac{1}{2}$
2	G. T. Womack	..	..	..	I	R. H. Rushton	..	..	..	0
3	E. J. Fairchild	..	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	S. W. Dickens	..	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$
4	G. P. A. Richards	..	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	C. Loton	..	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$
5	Major E. M. Jones	..	..	..	0	F. Dickens	..	..	..	I
6	R. E. Webb	..	..	..	0	H. S. Wallace	..	..	..	I
7	E. H. Martin	..	..	..	I	J. Thorburn	..	..	..	0
8	E. G. Attenborough	..	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	L. H. White	..	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$
9	A. H. Knight	..	..	..	0	W. Currant	..	..	..	I
10	C. K. Trotter	..	..	..	I	W. Meakin	..	..	..	0
11	C. T. Alderton	..	..	..	I	J. T. Needham	..	..	..	0
12	L. S. Bush	..	..	..	I	Roland Hill	..	..	..	0
13	H. Jacobsen	..	..	..	0	A. V. Oliver	..	..	..	I
14	C. A. Bunce	..	..	..	I	E. How	..	..	..	0
15	Miss G. A. Hooke	..	..	..	I	T. W. Bate	..	..	..	0
16	J. A. Allinson	..	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	J. T. Goddard	..	..	..	0
					10					6
					*Adjudicated.					

The final of the Montague-Jones Cup (to be played on March 14th) will be between the winner of the Devon-Somerset match versus the winner of the Hants-Berks or Herts contest; a most interesting state of affairs.

Steady and persevering work is telling its tale in Staffordshire where the Stafford League now has an entry of 5 teams.

In their match *v.* Shropshire, the Stafford team were seen to great advantage, and although the losers had several good men away from the team, the victory was highly creditable. The full score was as follows :—

STAFFORDSHIRE.						SHROPSHIRE.					
1	H. E. Price	..	..	..	I	F. Clayton	..	..	..	..	0
2	J. H. Beebee	..	..	..	0	F. Smart	..	..	..	..	I
3	H. H. Norman	..	..	..	I	E. Groom	..	..	..	..	0
4	Rev. E. J. E. Howlett	..	..	..	I	H. C. Williams	..	..	..	..	0
5	T. A. Grant	..	..	..	I	Rev. W. Benson	..	..	..	..	0
6	A. J. G. Butcher	..	..	..	I	W. H. Smith	..	..	..	..	0
7	F. Beebee	..	..	..	I	F. W. Forrest	..	..	..	..	0
8	J. Bowden	..	..	..	I	G. E. Ramsden	..	..	..	..	0
9	C. G. Butcher	..	..	..	I	A. H. Smith	..	..	..	..	0
10	Rev. M. Hooppell	..	..	..	0	T. J. Lusty	..	..	..	..	I
11	J. A. Audley	..	..	..	I	W. E. Baddeley	..	..	..	..	0
12	Rev. R. G. Hunt	..	..	..	0	G. H. Greenhalgh	..	..	..	..	I
13	S. A. H. Burne	..	..	..	I	S. C. Rowland	..	..	..	..	0
14	J. H. Boulton	..	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	R. M. Baxter	..	..	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$
15	T. H. Yates	..	..	..	0	W. M. D. E. McNab	..	..	..	..	I
16	W. Barker	..	..	..	I	J. Ellison	..	..	..	..	0
11 $\frac{1}{2}$						4 $\frac{1}{2}$					

We give the score of 4 of these matches played in the early days of December :—

SAVILE CLUB.				ATHENÆUM CLUB.						
1	Sir Arthur Whitelegge	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	Sir Horace Plunkett	..	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	
2	Norman Cramp	..	..	..	Lord Dunsany	..	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	
3	Philip Wilson	..	..	..	Canon A. C. Deane	..	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	
4	John L. Balderston	..	..	..	W. Hooper	..	..	..	0	
5	Lieut.-Col. W. Butler	..	..	..	Rev. Barton R. F. Mills	..	..	..	I	
6	Romney Sedgwick	..	..	..	Dr. E. Graham Little, M.P.	..	..	..	0	
				3 $\frac{1}{2}$					2 $\frac{1}{2}$	
AUTHORS' CLUB.				JUNIOR CONSTITUTIONAL CLUB.						
1	T. C. Elder	..	..	..	0	C. G. Skyrme	..	..	..	I
2	A. L. Densham	..	..	..	I	S. Myers	..	..	..	0
3	Morley Roberts	..	..	..	I	J. E. de Lengerke	..	..	..	0
4	E. H. Short	..	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	Capt. C. C. Collier	..	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$
5	G. Ashley Brown	..	..	..	0	W. J. Rundle	..	..	..	I
6	Francis Gribble	..	..	..	I	Rev. F. Fielding-Ould	..	..	..	0
				3 $\frac{1}{2}$					2 $\frac{1}{2}$	
NATIONAL LIBERAL CLUB.				REFORM CLUB.						
1	B. E. Sieghelm	..	..	..	I	Dr. V. H. Rutherford	..	..	..	0
2	V. A. Halford	..	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	Ralph Sutton	..	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$
3	Dr. Schumer	..	..	..	I	Austin Taylor	..	..	..	0
4	H. D. Roome	..	..	..	0	Leif Jones	..	..	..	I
5	F. G. Stratton	..	..	..	I	Col. T. H. Minshall	..	..	..	0
6	S. P. J. Merlin	..	..	..	I	F. J. Sharpe	..	..	..	0
				4 $\frac{1}{2}$					I $\frac{1}{2}$	
R.A.C. CHESS CIRCLE.				SAVILE CLUB CHESS CIRCLE.						
1	R. Eastman	..	..	..	I	Sir Arthur Whitelegge	..	..	..	0
2	J. H. Morrison	..	..	..	0	Philip Wilson	..	..	..	I
3	E. Titley	..	..	..	I	Lt.-Col. Wm. Butler	..	..	..	0
4	W. J. Evans	..	..	..	I	John L. Balderston	..	..	..	0
5	F. J. Dickson	..	..	..	I	Romney Sedgwick	..	..	..	0
6	Capt. P. Titley	..	..	..	I	Morton Sands	..	..	..	0
				5					I	

The City of London Chess Club Championship.—Sir George Thomas leads with $5\frac{1}{2}$ out of 6, his half point down having gone to R. P. Michell. The latter is still unbeaten but has also drawn with F. F. L. Alexander and E. Macdonald.

J. M. Bee has shown improved form and in 5 contests has only lost one point (to Herbert Jacobs). Other good performances are W. Gooding, $4\frac{1}{2}$ in 6; E. G. Sergeant, $3\frac{1}{2}$ in 5 (draws with Gooding, Walker and P. W. Sergeant); Alexander, $4\frac{1}{2}$ in 6; R. C. J. Walker, $3\frac{1}{2}$ in 5; H. Saunders, 3 in 5; and E. Macdonald, $2\frac{1}{2}$ in 3. There are quite a number of adjourned games, which will of course modify these figures.

In the Neville Hart Cup tournament T. G. Edmond-Smith and B. J. Mooney lead, each having scored $4\frac{1}{2}$ out of 6

Match played at Cambridge, November 22nd, 1924 :—

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY.					WEST LONDON.				
1	B. Goulding Brown	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	W. H. Regan	..	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$
2	L. S. Penrose	..	..	0	F. Dark..	..	..	..	1
3	J. E. West	..	..	1	F. J. Camm	..	..	..	0
4	A. R. B. Thomas	..	..	*	C. E. Ford	..	..	..	*
5	H. J. C. Herrick	..	..	0	F. Downey	..	..	..	1
6	E. H. Bateman	..	..	1	R. Eastman	..	..	..	0
7	G. W. Burlong	..	..	1	W. Henderson	..	..	..	0
8	L. J. Genn	..	..	0	W. S. Wallis..	..	..	..	1
9	P. Sherman	..	..	0	H. A. Brady..	..	..	..	1
10	J. Pepper	..	..	1	J. Saybourne	..	..	..	0
11	M. J. Pollard	..	..	1	C. de Fossard	..	..	..	0
12	M. A. Porter	..	..	0	W. H. Robertson	..	..	..	1
13	M. A. Vernon	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	C. Zilva	..	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$
14	A. H. Wilson	..	..	1	J. Kelly	..	..	..	0
15	J. E. Caro	..	..	0	E. C. Bowen..	..	..	..	1
16	W. S. Winscom	..	..	1	J. W. Bryceson	..	..	..	0
8					7				

* To be adjudicated.

The following are clubs who have entered for the London Commercial Chess League with present positions :—

	P.	W.	L.	Pts.
Lloyds	3	3	0	3
Nestanglo	2	2	0	2
St. Helen's Court	2	2	0	2
Shell Mex	3	2	1	2
Cornhill	2	1	1	1
Morton's	3	1	2	1
Motor Union	1	0	1	0
Bowrings	2	0	2	0
Mex	1	0	2	0
Sedgwick Collins	2	0	2	0

On the suggestion of the Hon. F. G. Hamilton-Russell, a vice-president of the City of London Chess Club, a course of six lectures

on Chess will be given by Mr. F. D. Yates, at the City of London Chess Club during the Christmas holidays.

These lectures will be adapted more especially for the *instruction of schoolboys*.

The dates will be as follows :—Monday, January 5th ; Wednesday, January 7th ; Monday, January 12th ; Wednesday, January 14th ; Friday, January 16th ; Monday, January 19th ; all at 2-30 p.m.

Tickets—price 10/6 for the course—can be obtained from J. Walter Russell, City of London Chess Club, Wardrobe Court, 146a Queen Victoria Street, E.C.4.

Any profit—if any—from the Lectures will be given to the boys as prizes in a Quick-Time-Knock-Out-Tournament to be played immediately after the Sixth Lecture on the 19th January.

The display organised by the Imperial Chess Club, on Saturday, 22nd November, at the Hyde Park Hotel, was a great success—G. Maróczy, the Hungarian master played 29 boards simultaneously, resulting in 23 wins and 6 draws—the two best defenders each received a prize, first E. Kirkgreene, second A. J. Spencer. The Lightning tournament was conducted by R. H. S. Stevenson, Miss Price winning first prize, E. S. Curwen second. A charming short concert cheered and delighted the chess-players after tea—thanks to Lady Maud Warrender, Miss Louise Dale, and Miss Cory Smith—and The Dansant was much appreciated. The Hungarian Legation was well represented and Mr. Maróczy was presented by Mrs. Rawson with the Union Jack and Hungarian Flags on his departure. The funds were in aid of the British Women's Patriotic League.

A very interesting match took place at 62 Brook Street, W., on December 11th when the Imperial Chess Club were opposed by a team of 14 members of the Bar.

W. A. Chase who captained the visitors, was unable to secure the services of Herbert Jacobs and several other good players but the team was a useful one and came within an ace of winning the encounter. Score :—

IMPERIAL.				THE BAR.			
1	R. Spitz	1		W. C. Sandford	1		
2	H. E. Tudor	1		S. P. J. Merlin	0		
3	H. J. C. Hardcastle	1		C. Gallop	0		
4	J. F. Chance	0		W. A. Donald	1		
5	M. E. Hughes-Hughes	0		H. D. Roome	1		
6	Miss Cotton	0		W. A. Chase	1		
7	Mrs. Stevenson	1		H. Stranger	0		
8	Sir Thomas Richardson	1		Dudley Barlow	0		
9	Miss Chater	1		R. White	0		
10	Mrs. Chase	1		C. H. Grundy	0		
11	Miss Brewster	0		Capt. Paul Bennett, V.C., M.C.	1		
12	Miss L. Eveling	0		Herbert Bentwich	1		
13	Mrs. Paul Bennett	0		E. J. C. Neep	1		
14	Miss Pannell	1		W. D. Roberts	0		
.7½				6½			

A Record Christmas Congress at Hastings.—This fixture gains in popularity every year and the 3rd annual congress which commenced on December 27th, has attracted 92 entries. All will admit that the highly organised Hastings executive deserve this confidence and support; for the competitors know that everything will be done in the best style for their comfort and enjoyment.

Premier Tournament.—Section A: Capt. P. D. Bolland, L. C. G. Dewing, G. Maróczy, R. P. Michell, H. E. Price, Dr. A. Seitz, L. Steiner and F. D. Yates.

Section B. E. Colle, A. J. Mackenzie, G. M. Norman, J. Prsepiorka, H. Saunders, E. G. Sergeant, A. Steiner, Dr. S. Tartakover.

An overflow tournament to be called the "Premier Reserve" has been made up with J. A. J. Drewitt, G. Wright, E. T. Jesty, J. Macalister, R. E. Lean, P. C. Littlejohn, E. Opocenzky and Dr. V. H. Rutherford.

There are 2 first-class sections with 16 players each, also 2 seconds and 2 thirds: a fine Christmas gathering of chess talent.

The London Chess League.—The position of the leaders is beginning to crystallise, but there will be many stern struggles before it finally sets.

Hampstead appear to have a stronger team than ever, and for the moment are favourites. They have beaten Bohemians, Lee and West London.

Lewisham, by a dramatic win over Brixton, a draw with Metropolitan and victories over Battersea, Islington and North London, have risen phoenix-like from the ashes of last season's debacle.

Brixton have beaten North London, Islington and Lee, but have lost to West London, and Lewisham, and hardly look like repeating last year's triumph.

Wood Green made a most promising start by beating Battersea and Bohemians but failed to sustain the form, losing to Athenaeum and Metropolitan.

Ludeagle have 4 out of 5 (lost to Battersea), West London 4½ out of 6, Battersea 4 out of 7, but the Metropolitan are second favourites with 4½ out of 5, although they have yet to meet most of the stronger clubs.

The many friends of the Rev. G. D. Hutton will be interested to know he is now living at The Manse, Simla, India.

For some years he competed at the annual congress of the British Chess Federation, and also in the Scottish Championship. He originated the present ingenious and excellent method of playing the Correspondence Championship.

The Woodhouse Cup.—This important Yorkshire Competition has now reached the end of its first part and some interesting results may be noted. Huddersfield have the advantage of the assistance of H. E. Atkins at their top board, but have not succeeded in winning any of their matches. Hull scored a fine win over Bradford by 7 to 3, but lost to Sheffield in a curious match in which through insufficient time to play the games, 9 out of 10 were drawn! Thus H. H. Clarke of Sheffield by beating H. Williams of Hull won the match for his side. Leeds, Bradford and Sheffield seem wonderfully level in strength. The first two drew their contest while Leeds beat Sheffield by the odd game.

It looks as if Bradford's lapse to Hull will cost them dear. The score was as follows:—

HULL.						BRADFORD.					
1	A. G. Conde	..	..	..	I	H. W. Hodgkinson	..	..	..	0	
2	W. Atkinson	..	..	..	I	H. L. Brooke	..	..	..	0	
3	H. Williams	..	..	..	I	F. Betts	..	..	..	0	
4	G. Barron	..	..	..	I	T. Hillary	..	..	..	0	
5	S. Jackson	..	..	..	0	J. R. Deacon	..	..	..	I	
6	R. Bainbridge	..	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	W. Staynes	..	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	
7	E. Hanger	..	..	..	I	C. B. Cribb	..	..	..	0	
8	S. V. Foulston	..	..	..	0	J. B. Grew	..	..	..	I	
9	E. J. Adams	..	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	E. A. Porter	..	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	
10	T. Banks	..	..	..	I	Z. Rosenthal	..	..	..	0	
7						3					

On November 29th, two more matches were decided as follows.

At Sheffield.

LEEDS.					SHEFFIELD.				
1	P. Wenman	..	..	..	I	G. W. Moses..	..	..	0
2	F. Schofield	..	..	..	I	H. H. Clarke	..	..	0
3	A. C. Ivimy	..	..	..	I	E. Dale	..	..	0
4	S. Leader	..	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	W. H. Sparkes	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$
5	H. Wortley	..	..	..	0	H. D. Rockett	..	..	I
6	C. Sandberg	..	..	..	0	J. Orange	..	..	I
7	J. Croysdale	..	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	C. North	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$
8	M. Andrew	..	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	F. Ogden	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$
9	W. F. Curtis	..	..	..	I	E. Weston	..	..	0
10	W. Skirrow	..	..	..	0	T. C. Chapman	..	..	I

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* Adjudicated.

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At Bradford.

BRADFORD.					HUDDERSFIELD.				
1	T. A. Staynes	..	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	H. E. Atkins	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$
2	J. Foulds	..	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	C. G. Wenyon	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$
3	H. W. Hodgkinson..	..	..	..	I	H. J. Lofthouse	..	..	0
4	H. L. Brooke	..	..	..	I	H. Hinchliffe	..	..	0
5	T. Hillary	..	..	..	I	R. A. Sturgeon	..	..	0
6	J. R. Deacon	..	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	F. M. Bassano	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$
7	W. Staynes	..	..	..	I	H. Mellor	..	..	0
8	W. W. Hale	..	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	H. Greenwood	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$
9	C. B. Cribb	..	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	W. D. Foster	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$
10	J. B. Grew	..	..	..	I	J. Calvert	..	..	0

7 $\frac{1}{2}$

2 $\frac{1}{2}$

We give the present position of the clubs playing for the *Yorkshire Observer* Trophy and the I. M. Brown Shield.

YORKSHIRE OBSERVER TROPHY.

					Matches.				Games.							
					P.	W.	L.	D.					W.	L.	D.	Pts.
Wakefield	..	..	..	..	4	3	0	1	..	17	9	6	7			
Pontefract	..	..	..	..	3	2	1	0	..	14	10	0	4			
Dewsbury	..	..	..	..	3	1	1	1	..	10	11	3	3			
York	..	..	..	..	3	0	1	2	..	10	12	2	2			
Leeds Blenheim	..	..	..	..	3	0	3	0	..	6	15	3	0			

I. M. BROWN SHIELD.

Huddersfield II	..	..	..	2	Leeds II	..	..	..	7
Leeds II	..	..	..	$\frac{3}{2}$	Bradford II	..	..	..	$\frac{3}{2}$
Sheffield II	..	..	..	7	Huddersfield II	..	..	..	1
Sheffield II	..	..	..	4	Bradford II	..	..	..	4

* One to adjudicate.

The teams in this competition are 8 a-side instead of 10 as last year.

On December 4th G. Maróczy visited the Leeds Club and played 26 games simultaneously. Of these he lost to I. Berenblum (Leeds University), drew with Messrs. Bartholomew, Crotty, Leader, Plant, Sandberg and Croysdale, and won the remaining 19.

The replayed match in the Richardson cup produced a very keen struggle and the ultimate win for Glasgow gave great satisfaction to supporters of the western team. If now they can beat Dundee, the cup may find a home in the empire's second city. Score :—

GLASGOW.						EDINBURGH.					
1	W. Gibson	..	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	D. Simpson	..	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	
2	J. A. M'Kee	..	..	..	0	H. Jackson	..	..	..	1	
3	A. Murray	..	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	G. Page	..	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	
4	J. Marshall	..	..	..	1	A. J. D. Lothian	..	..	..	0	
5	J. R. Longwill	..	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	G. W. Hives	..	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	
6	J. M'Grouther	..	..	..	1	A. A. Foster	..	..	..	0	
7	Dr. Forrester	..	..	..	1	J. G. Thomson	..	..	..	0	
4 $\frac{1}{2}$						2 $\frac{1}{2}$					

NEWS FROM THE DOMINIONS AND FOREIGN LANDS.

New Zealand.—The thirty-fourth N.Z. championship congress was due to begin at Nelson on December 26th. When we last heard, 18 entries had been received.

The telegraphic match between Wellington and Nelson was concluded on September 27th, when, after adjudication, Wellington won by 10½—4½. Their leader, W. E. Mason, beat E. H. Severne. But G. F. Dodds, on board 2 for Nelson, had the satisfaction of defeating A. W. Gyles.

Wellington, having also beaten both Canterbury and Auckland 10—2, and Otago 8—4, retains the club championship of New Zealand. No less than 5 Wellington players—W. E. Mason, E. A. Hicks, T. Fouhy, H. Jessup and W. J. Fairburn—won all their games in these telegraphic contests.

South Africa.—At the thirty-first annual meeting of the Durban C.C. on September 16th, a slight falling off in membership was reported; but the number stands at fifty, which is far from unsatisfactory. There is a credit balance of over £10. Dr. J. B. McCord was elected president for the ensuing year, while Mr. H. Fairbridge was re-elected hon. secretary and treasurer.

Australia.—Two correspondence games between the Sydney and Brisbane Chess Clubs have both concluded in favour of Sydney, whose representatives were Messrs. S. Henderson, P. S. Hunt and F. J. Wallis.

At the annual meeting of the Melbourne C.C. it was reported that the membership had increased by thirty during the past year, and that there was a substantial credit balance.

Belgium.—The match and return match between Brussels and Antwerp furnished a victory for the former team by 11—9. Antwerp won on their own ground by 6—4; but in the return, on November 9th, Brussels scored 7—3. Nebel, the Antwerp top-board, distinguished himself by beating the Belgian champion, Colle, on both occasions.

The first championship of the Courtrai C.C. has been won by a lady—Mlle. Frutsaert—who scored 5 wins and 2 draws in 7 games.

On December 28th there was to be a 50 a-side match at Antwerp between the home team and Brussels.

Holland.—At The Hague on November 21st began a match between Max Euwe, Dutch champion, and J. Davidson, twice runner-up for the championship. The match was to be decided by five wins to either side, and the limit to the number of games was fifteen.

Euwe won the first game, Davidson making a blunder on the 25th move. Davidson won the second game, the third was drawn, and Euwe won the fourth.

Germany.—A double-round quadrangular tournament began in Berlin on December 9th, between Rubinstein, Mises, Teichmann and P. Johner.

The fourth East German congress at Königsberg, October 4th—8th, saw Fuchs, of Danzig, carry off first prize in the principal tournament, scoring $6\frac{1}{2}$ out of 7.

Sämisch has completed a two months' tour in Czecho-Slovakia, Silesia and Poland, during which he played 562 games (+443, =80, —39), of which 239 (+183, =39, —17) were blindfold, and the rest ordinary simultaneous games.

Austria.—In the mastership tourney of the Austrian Chess Federation in Vienna, Kapellmeister Dünman won first prize and title of master, with a score of $8\frac{1}{2}$ points in 9 games.

Argentina.—Richard Réti is fulfilling an engagement with the Argentine Chess Federation, and has been taking part in the principal tournament at Buenos Aires, his opponents including L. Palau, V. F. Coria, B. Illa, R. Grau and B. H. Villegas.

The result of the tournament was, as expected, a victory for Réti. He scored 8 points out of a possible 9 in each half of the contest, and with a total of 16 was well ahead of Roberto Grau, who came second with $11\frac{1}{2}$. The surprise of the tournament was that A. G. Boneo drew with the master in their first game and beat him in the second. Réti's other draw was with L. Palau.

B. H. Villegas took third place with $10\frac{1}{2}$ points, Palau and R. de Witt divided fourth and fifth with $9\frac{1}{2}$, P. Ipata was sixth with $7\frac{1}{2}$, and the remaining scores were:—Boneo, V. F. Coria and R. Illa, $6\frac{1}{2}$; L. G. Rawson, 6.

United States.—In our issue of last July we gave the score of the annual match, San Francisco *v.* Los Angeles at adjudication-time. Through the courtesy of Mr. D. A. Plumley we now give the final result after adjudication by F. J. Marshall and S. T. Sharp: San Francisco $6\frac{1}{2}$, Los Angeles $5\frac{1}{2}$.

In the special tournament (Bishop's Opening) at the Marshall C.C., Marshall made sure of winning the first prize by scoring nine points in the first ten games. Torre lost his chance of catching him by a loss to E. Tholfsen, of Brooklyn, after previously losing to Marshall, though he beat him in their other game.

An article on Chess by Miss Price appears in *Pearson's Weekly* for December 13th, in which the Lady Champion emphasises the fact that chess is no more difficult than any other game. She states that anyone can learn sufficient in two hours to be able to play. This fact cannot be too widely known for thousands deny themselves the enjoyment of chess because they think "it is too brainy for them"!

THE BRITISH CORRESPONDENCE CHESS ASSOCIATION.

All communications respecting these pages should be addressed to Mr. H. E. Matthews, 37 Anson Street, Monton, Eccles, Manchester. New members will be welcomed at any time and games can always be arranged for them at short notice.

The annual meeting of the Association took place at the Gambit Café on Wednesday, November 26th. As in the past there was not a large attendance of members, but this is unavoidable in an organisation whose members are scattered all over the country. The meeting recommended that the Association magazine should, after the present season, be replaced by a year book which would set out our rules, list of members and results of all tourneys, matches, etc. We feel that this is a question that deserves the attention of all our members and it will be fully discussed in the forthcoming issue of our magazine, the publication of which has been delayed. A vote of thanks to the editors of the *British Chess Magazine* for their continued kindness was passed. The retiring officers were all re-elected and the following committee was chosen: Rev. E. Griffiths, Major E. Montague Jones, Messrs. W. H. Gunston and L. Illingworth. Mr. Illingworth and G. P. Kitchener will represent the Association on the B.C.F. Council. The rule that clerical errors shall not be liable to penalties was deleted and it was agreed that players in the Trophies Tourney may bring forward their games, by mutual agreement. A new rule was adopted by which former members who are unable to take active part in the current tourneys will be admitted as Associates at a subscription of 2/6 per annum which will entitle them to receive the Association magazine and circulars. We are much obliged to Miss Price for her hospitality.

Matches.—The result of the outstanding game in the *Chess Amateur* match is a draw, and consequently our opponents win by five games. We have also to congratulate our opponents in the Belfast *News-Letter* match, which they have won by $8\frac{1}{2}$ — $6\frac{1}{2}$. If, as we hope, another match is arranged later we shall have to get together a stronger team. The detailed score is given below:—

BELFAST "NEWS-LETTER."					B.C.C.A.					
1	W. J. Allen	..	..	..	I	J. D. Chambers	..	..	..	0
2	L. E. Deens	..	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	E. Parsons	..	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$
3	S. E. Manderson	..	..	..	0	W. M. Bussell	..	..	..	I
4	F. H. Purdy	..	..	..	I	H. E. Matthews	..	..	..	0
5	B. Allen	..	..	..	0	A. J. Windybank	..	..	..	I
6	R. Stewart	..	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	A. Rhead	..	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$
7	A. Anderson	..	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	P. Wilson	..	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$
8	G. C. Hamilton	..	..	..	I	C. North	..	..	..	0
9	W. D. Redmond	..	..	..	I	M. J. Malone	..	..	..	0
10	Miss Allen	..	..	..	I	S. G. Duffell	..	..	..	0
11	W. S. Suffern	..	..	..	I	P. Henderson	..	..	..	0
12	G. Browne	..	..	..	I	A. C. Hays	..	..	..	0
13	A. Atherton	..	..	..	0	W. C. Wallis	..	..	..	I
14	J. P. McCarthy	..	..	..	0	R. N. Murray	..	..	..	I
15	C. Rohn	..	..	..	0	R. G. Somerville	..	..	..	I

Trophies Tourney.—Members are asked to note that from January 1st the hon. secretary for this tourney will be the Rev. P. Armitage, Farne, Nettlebed, Henley-on-Thames, who has been chosen from the number of members who kindly volunteered to take over the duties performed by Mr. North. Henceforward results and all communications relating to the tourney should be sent direct to the new hon. secretary. Results are now coming to hand. In Class 1a Mr. Gunston has drawn with Mr. Sheppard and beaten Mr. Illingworth, and in 5a Mr. Burton has won from Mr. Roberts.

Players are reminded that games in the second round should have been started on January 1st.

Members are asked to note the new address of the hon. secretary for the Handicap Tourney: Mr. P. Wilson, Westdene, Crosby Road, Westcliffe-on-Sea.

We take this opportunity of wishing all our members a Happy New Year.

OBITUARY.

We regret to record the death of John Dutton Wright, the well-known Cheshire artist whose hobby was chess.

A man of many parts, Mr. Wright was chairman of the old-established firm of Wright & Co. (Liverpool Limited), ship biscuit manufacturers. He was a strong anti-vaccinationist, a vegetarian, a most clever amateur conjurer, a great lover and authority on dogs, and an artist whose paintings were frequently exhibited at the Walker Art Gallery, Liverpool.

His favourite subjects were woodland scenes, but his range was wide. At various times he visited Belgium, Italy, Sicily, Portugal and Algeria on sketching tours, and his sketch books were rich stores of materials collected on those and other occasions.

He was the means of getting the little Birch Wood at Bidston (so beloved by artists and where he himself spent many happy hours) freed of the newly installed rhododendrons and agitated for the preservation of the woods and Bidston Hill in their wild and natural condition.

He was the leader of a little band of artists that made this beauty spot their headquarters, and on account of his successful efforts to preserve the natural wild beauty of fern and bracken and the fact that whether hail, rain, wind or snow he would be found there, even up to a few years ago with his easel and brushes, that spot became known as Wright's Wood.

During the War when timber was being cut at Bettws-y-coed he was the means of getting the woodmen to spare the beautiful trees in the Beech Wood. His oil painting in last year's Liverpool Autumn Exhibition, "Woodman Spare That Tree," has associations with that period.

One of his latest appearances in the chess world was in a simultaneous display in which he effected a clever draw with Capablanca.

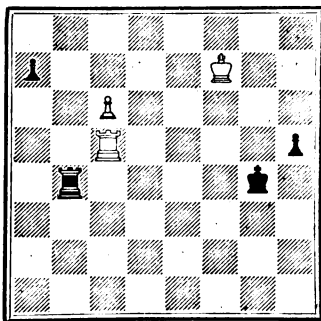
CHESS FOR BEGINNERS

(Continued from page 491, Vol. XLIV.)

There were thirty solvers of Problems Nos. 169—172, and "C.C.X.L." kept his place, and reached the top of the ladder for the first time, the scores being as follows:—

"C.C.X.L.," 304, -, 3, 5, 5, 317; "T.E.S.," 280, 2, 2, 5, 4, 294; "A.W.T.H.," 267, 2, 2, 5, 2, 278; "H.D.B.," 256 (165/168), 3, 1, 4, 4, 268; "J.A.E.," (1), 244, 3, 2, 5, 5, 259; "D.E.B.," (1), 239, 2, 3, 4, 5, "Nemo," (1), 225, 3, 3, 5, 5, 241; "A.E.S.," (1), 222, 4, 4, 5, 5, 240; "C.J.C.," (1), 222, 2, 3, 5, 1, 233; "J.W.T.," 219, 2, 2, 5, 1, 229; "Clare," 168, 3, 3, 5, 1, 180; "Tyro" (1), 161, 2, 2, 5, 5, 175; "A.G.A.," (2), 153, 2, 2, 4, 2, 163; "Knowsley," 139, 3, 2, 5, 2, 151; "C.G.C.," 118, 2, 2, 5, 1, 128; "A.L.," (1), 112, 3, 2, 5, 1, 123; "L.I.," 106, 4, 2, 5, 5, 122; "Beta," 105, 2, 3, 5, 3, 118; "F.M.R.," (1), 104, 3, 1, 5, 3, 116; "A.A.A.," (2), 73, 3, 3, 5, 4, 88; "W.H.C.," 53, 5, 2, 5, 1, 66; "O.L.T.," 47, 5, 4, 5, 4, 65; "R.M.," (1), 33, 4, 2, 5, 5, 49; "Pawn," 23, 5, 3, 5, 5, 41; "R.D.D.," 22, 2, 3, 5, 4, 36; "Rook," 25 (credited October problems), 2, 2, 1, -, 30; "R.W.E.," (1), 15, 4, 3, 5, 2, 29; "J.B.," 10, 3, 2, 4, 2, 21; "N.M.," (3), 3, 2, 5, 5, 15; "C.H.D.," 1, 2, 5, 5, 13.

In the answers to 169 in addition to the first moves for White which I gave on page 488, 6 Kt—B 3, 6 P—Q 3 and 6 B×Kt were given; the first two make no attempt to disprove the soundness of B—B 4, and if it be sound, it is undoubtedly the right place for the Bishop; 6 B×Kt cannot be good after moving the Bishop back at move 4. Several followed 6 Kt×P, with Kt×P for Black, but 7 Kt×Kt, Q P×Kt; 8 Q—B 3, Black cannot play 8.., Kt—B 3 because of B×P ch, and if Q—K 2 or Q—Q 4; 9 R—K 1+; if 8.., Q—Q 5; 9 Kt—B 3, P—B 4 (not Kt×Kt because of 10 B×P ch); 10 B—Kt 3+. To 170 several gave 5 Kt—K B 3 but I do not think this is as good as the two moves mentioned. 5.., Kt—Q B 3; 6 Kt—B 3, P×P seems to give Black a good game. I took 171 from *Tattersall's End-games*, Vol. 1, No. 406, transposing the colours, and the information and solution were from his notes. Many solvers have pointed out a simple "common or garden" draw by 1.., R—K Kt 1



White to play. What result?

and 2.., R—K B 1, but in looking over *B.C.M.*, vol. xix (1899), the position is given (on page 108) as per diagram, and in the solution on page 161 it is stated that Kieseritzky as White drew the game by 1 K—Kt 6, R—Q Kt 1; 2 R—B 4 ch, K—B 6; 3 K—B 5, R—Q B 1; 4 K—K 5, R×P; but that Staunton showed how the ending could have been won by 1 P—B 7, R—Kt 2; 2 K—B 6, R×P; 3 R×R, P—R 5; 4 R—B 4 ch, K—Kt 6; 5 K—Kt 5, P—R 7;

6 R—B 3 ch, K—Kt 7; 7 K—Kt 4, P—R 7; 8 R—B 2 ch, K—Kt 8; 9 K—Kt 3, P=Kt ch; 10 K—B 3 and White keeps his Rook on his second rank, till Pawn reaches its 7th, when it takes it and wins. If 4.., K—R 4; 5 K—B 5, P—R 6; 6 K—B 4, K—R 5; (if P—R 7; 7 R—B 8); 7 K—B 3 dis ch. If 3.., K—R 6; 4 K—Kt 5, P—R 5; 5 R—B 4. If 2.., R—Kt 3 ch; 3 K—K 5! If 1.., R—B 5 ch; 2 K—Kt 7! I think the older account is the more correct, and the position as there given would have been far more difficult.

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.—“A.E.S.”—Why did you not come up and make yourself known! I confess the point of 171 is quite spoiled by the alternative solution. “A.L.”—In 169, 6 Kt×P, Kt×P is not good for Black, as you yourself show. In 170 after 5 Kt—K B 3, P—K 3 is quite a good move. I think Tattersall’s account of the position is incorrect. You miss the point of 172. “C.J.C.”—Et tu, brute! 5.., B—B 4 is said to be bad, hence the? Thanks for good wishes, heartily reciprocated. “R.D.D.”—The opening moves are poor, you must try when examining the hyper-modern ideas to forget the principles laid down in text-books! In 172, White cannot draw if he does not play 1 P—Kt 6, nor Black if he does not play 1.., P—B 3. You should therefore not have given 1.., P×P and continuation. “J.W.T.”—See answer to “R.D.D.” “N.M.”—I do not much care for 7 B×Kt in your variation of 169. As already written to you, *M.C.O.* will be early January; the delays were quite unavoidable. “Knowsley”—I agree, but everyone is doing it! Your solution of 172 starts K—Kt 4? You mean K—B 4 I presume, but Black would win by 2.., P—B 3. “R.W.E.”—I do not understand your answer to 172, you show that if 1 K—K 3, K—K 3; 2 K—B 4, P—Kt 3 Black wins and yet you say White draws by 1 K—K 3. “C.G.C.”—See answer to “R.D.D.” *re* 169 and 170. In your answer to 172, 2.., P—Kt 3 would win for Black, as your post card correcting your first solution states. “O.T.L.”—Your answer to 169 was very useful to me and is admirable. In 172 White must not move 2 P—Kt 5 in answer to 1.., P×P, but 2 K—B 4, K—K 3; 3 P—Kt 5 and wins. Thanks for kind remarks, duly noted. Also for end-game. “Nemo”—In 169 Black is not quite as bad as you paint him! What do you suggest instead of 2 P—K 5? “A.G.A.”—The questions have got to be faced, though! Your answer to 172 fails by 3 K moves, K×P and wins. “L.I.”—Yes, but 6.., Kt×P is not Black’s best move. “C.C.X.L.”—Why not 169? “W.H.C.”—In 169 you gave quite a good continuation, but you were not successful with 170; you failed to see White’s *only* resource in 172. “T.E.S.”—6.., Kt×P is weak in 169. “Clare”—In 169 why if 6 P—Q 3, K Kt—Kt 5? moving a developed piece twice? Your conclusions of 172 are incorrect as you will have seen. “F.M.R.”—One move is hardly a continuation! It was quite a good one though. Your solution of 172 fails by 3.., P—Kt 3, and Black wins. “Rook”—Sorry you found them so difficult. Have accepted the unsigned copy of September problems as yours. “C.H.D.”—Glad to welcome you among the solvers. Your solutions of the opening problems were not equal to the other two. “Beta”—

The continuations were cut a bit short. In 172, if 1 P—Kt 6, P×P; 2 K—B 4 not P—Kt 5. "A.A.A."—As to your second variation if to 172, see answer to "Beta" above. "A.W.T.H."—In 172, 1 K—K 3, K—K 3!; 2 P—Kt 6, P×P; 3 K—Q 4 or B 4, P—Kt 4, wins for Black. "J.B."—Your notation in 172 is incorrect; you give 2 P—K 6. I think you mean P—Kt 6. "D.E.B." "J.B.," "R.M."—When you miss a month or two I wish you would quote your last score. "H.D.B."—(165/168) You missed the point of 166. 167 hardly carried far enough; right as far as it goes. In 168 a check on first move gives Black less option. Very few readers have written so far to either make suggestions for a substitute for these pages, or to so improve them as to get more solvers. "R.N.M. writes: "You should not judge the results of your efforts entirely by the number of solutions sent in. I have been very interested in the problems on openings; perhaps you could give a series of short articles on the most popular openings, *i.e.*, the ideas underlying the various attacks and defences, and the principles involved." "A.G.A."—"I do not care for the problems on openings. The problems might be restarted on the understanding that if in any two consecutive months the numbers do not exceed fifty, they would be finally abandoned." "Nemo."—"The title seems to be somewhat of a misnomer. Why not give two problems a month for juniors and two for seniors. I find four too big a task for the time at my disposal." "Pawn."—"Subscribers cannot find time to solve the problems. I suggest (1) Change the title. (2) Give two problems for beginners, two for more advanced students. (3) Two or three additional ones, not for competition, but for study and discussion." "C.T.B." suggests one hyper-modern opening a month for criticism, with fuller notes in the next issue, one game-ending of a problem nature, and two critical positions in mid-games, which may be largely obtained from readers. Change the title." "C.S.P." (Hyères) writes amusingly as follows:—

TO THE EDITOR OF THE *B.C.M.*

DEAR SIR,—Of course, if you insist upon remaining in damp, foggy and disagreeable London during the winter—instead of passing the time in this bright and sunny climate—you are bound to get depressed.

I take it that your appeal in the December number of the *B.C.M.* for suggestions as to what should take the place of "Chess for Beginners" is the result of a fit of depression deeper than usual. Or is it your liver . . . ?

I therefore beg to suggest that you should buck up and not be downhearted!

Your "Chess for Beginners" appears to me to be exactly the most sustaining diet for 'chessie' babies that could be invented. It is easily digested, palatable and should not cause wind. Although I can hardly call myself a 'beginner,' your pages are the first that I always work through on receiving the *B.C.M.*, and in my opinion, by far the most valuable and interesting in the magazine.

Will you be so kind as to record my vote (in these political days, I suppose, everything has to be decided by ballot) on the side of NO CHANGE.

Yours sincerely,

HYÈRES (VAR.), FRANCE.

C.S.P.

December 9th, 1924.

"N.M.," after several kind remarks, suggests: "Change the name." "R.D.D."—"I have improved a great deal in my play since I commenced sending in solutions; I cannot suggest anything to take its place. "O.T.L." (Monte Carlo) writes: "I give a copy of your problems to five French friends. I have not the time to be a regular solver, but you really have six solvers here that do not appear in your 'ladder.'" "H.D.O.B."—"Black to play. What result and how? is too indefinite. Why not White to play, he seeks to win by——. What can Black do? The silent solver is not uninterested." "Clare."—Another series of end-games, as formerly so ably conducted by F. D. Yates." "A.A.A."—Keep on problems on openings and end-games; in middle-game problems it is so difficult to see what the players have been striving at up to the point given. A suggestion: study (1) some of the well-known openings; (2) the method of modern masters."

Next month I shall be too busy to do more than see to the reports of the two Christmas congresses, but in March will devise something on one or other of the lines suggested.

Any further suggestions I get will be referred to in February number. I have got M. E. Goldstein, the Middlesex champion, to give readers a resumé of his lecture at the Hampstead Chess Club, this month.

GAME DEPARTMENT.

Games from the recent all-Russian tournament. Notes by J. H. Blake (except where otherwise stated).

GAME No. 5,328.

Queen's Pawn Opening.

WHITE	BLACK
F. DUS-CHOTIMIRSKY	E. D. BOGOLJUBOFF
1 P—Q 4	1 Kt—K B 3
2 Kt—K B 3	2 P—K 3
3 B—Kt 5	

A move better postponed until Black has given more indication of his line of development.

4 P—B 3	3 P—B 4
5 P×P	4 P×P
6 Q Kt—Q 2	5 Q—Kt 3

A note to this move by M. Löwenfisch suggests the following

as likely to result from 6 Q—B 1 :
 6... Kt—B 3; 7 P—K 3, Q—R 4 ch; 8 Q Kt—Q 2, Kt—K 5;
 9 B—B 4, P—K Kt 4; 10 B—Kt 3, P—Kt 5; 11 Kt—K 5,
 Kt×Kt; 12 B×Kt, B—Kt 5.

7 P—K 3	6 Kt—B 3
8 B—Q 3	7 P—Q 4

The Queen's Knight's Pawn should not be left any longer. 8 Kt—Kt 3 invites ... P—Q R 4; but 8 Q—Kt 1 covers the Pawn and K 4 as well, besides assisting the attack after B—Q 3.

9 Castles	8 Q×Kt P
	9 B—K 2

10 Q—K 2 10 Castles
11 P—Q R 3 11 Q—Kt 3

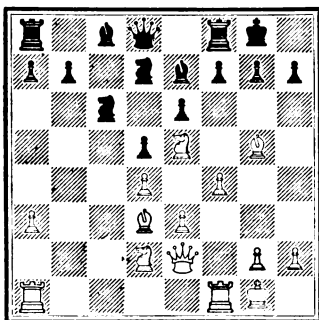
.....The Russian annotator here suggests 11..., Kt—Q 2; 12 B—B 4, P—B 4.

12 Kt—K 5 12 Q—Q 1
13 P—B 4 13 Kt—Q 2

.....White is threatening Q—B 3, Q—R 3 (requiring ..., P—K Kt 3), Q—R 6, R—B 3 and R—R 3; there is not time for 13..., R—K 1; 14 Q—B 3, Kt—Q 2 (with a view of ..., Kt—B 1) on account of 15 B×P ch, K×B; 16 Q—R 5 ch, K—Kt 1; 17 Q×P ch, K—R 1; 18 R—B 3, etc.

Position after 13..., Kt—Q 2.

BLACK (BOGOLJUBOW)



WHITE (DUS-CHOTIMIRSKY)

14 B×P ch

This sacrifice is unsound. It is suggested that White should have adopted the less violent line of 14 Q—R 5, P—B 4; 15 Q Kt—B 3, followed by P—K Kt 4.

15 Q—R 5 ch 14 K×B
16 R—B 3 15 K—Kt 1
17 QP×Kt 16 Kt×Kt
18 R—R 3 17 P—B 3

He must continue the attack now, regardless of such trifles as minor pieces.

19 P×P 18 P×B
 19 R—B 4

.....The following variations are given by M. Löwenfisch to

show that Black would have won more easily by 19..., B×P; 20 Q—R 7 ch (20 Q—R 8 ch, K—B 2; 21 R—B 1 ch, B—B 3; 23 R×B ch, P×R; 23 R—R 7 ch, K—K 1; 24 Q—Kt 7, Kt×P; 25 Kt—B 3, Kt—B 2, etc.), K—B 2; 21 R—B 1 ch (21 Q—R 5 ch, K—K 2; 22 Q×B ch, K—Q 2; 23 Q×P ch, Q—K 2, etc.), K—K 1; 22 R×R ch (22 Q×P, B—K 2; 23 R×R ch, B×R; 24 R—R 8, Q—K 2, etc.), K×R; 23 Q—R 8 ch (23 R—B 3 ch, K—K 1; 24 Q×P, B—K 2, etc.), K—B 2; 24 R—B 3 ch, K—Kt 3, etc.

20 P—Kt 4 20 B×P

.....He cannot retreat the Rook because of 21 P—Kt 6, nor take the King's Pawn because of 21 R—K B 1. There remains 20..., R×Kt P, when follows 21 Q—R 8 ch, K—B 2; 22 R—K B 1 ch, B—B 3; 23 R×B ch, K—K 2 (best; if P×R, 24 R—R 7 ch wins); 26 Q—R 4 (if 24 Q—R 7, Kt×P), R×K P and Black should win.

21 P×R 21 P×P
22 R—Kt 3

Here the Russian annotator suggests that Black's failures to strike the right course have given White an opportunity, which he should have used thus: 22 Kt—B 3, B×P ch; 23 K—R 1, B—Q 2 (why not ... B—R 3; 24 R—K Kt 1, K—B 1?); 24 R—K Kt 1, B×R; 25 Kt—Kt 5, Q×Kt; 26 Q×Q, B—Q 5; 27 Q—R 5, R—K 1; 28 Q—R 8 ch, K—B 2; 29 Q—R 5 ch, K—K 2; 30 Q—Kt 5 ch and Black cannot avoid perpetual check.

23 R—R 3 22 B—R 5
24 Q×Q 23 Q—Kt 4 ch
25 K—B 2 24 B×Q
26 R—Kt 3 25 Kt×P
 26 Kt—Kt 5 ch

.....Overlooking 26..., B—R 5. Probably he was very short of time, at fifteen moves per hour, after the struggle from which he has emerged.

27 K—K 2 27 B—Q 2
 28 R—Q Kt 1 28 B—B 3
 29 P—R 3 29 B—R 5
 30 Resigns

There is no satisfactory continuation. If 30 KR—Kt 1, Kt—B 7; 31 KR—B 1, Kt—K 5. If 30 R—B 3, Kt—R 3; 31 KR—B 1, P—Q R 3, etc.

GAME NO. 5,329.

Ruy Lopez.

WHITE BLACK
 B. WERLINSKY G. LÖWENFISCH

1 P—K 4 1 P—K 4
 2 Kt—K B 3 2 Kt—Q B 3
 3 B—Kt 5 3 P—Q R 3
 4 B—R 4 4 Kt—B 3
 5 Kt—B 3

This was much played in the Paris tournament of 1878, and long passed as White's best. It has since been found that Black equalises against it rather more easily than against 5 Castles.

6 Castles 5 B—K 2
 7 B—Kt 3 6 P—Q Kt 4
 8 P—Q 3 7 P—Q 3
 9 Kt—Q 5 8 Castles

The Knight would be better brought round to K Kt 3 *via* K 2; the move made provides no difficulties for Black. A Vienna consultation game was continued 9 P—Q R 4, B—K Kt 5; 10 B—K 3, Kt—Q 5; 11 B×Kt, P×B; 12 Kt—K 2, P—B 4; 13 Kt—B 4, P—Kt 4; 14 Kt—Q 5, Kt×Kt; 15 B×Kt, R—Kt 1; 16 P×P, P×P; 17 P—R 3, B—R 4, with equality.

10 Kt×B ch 9 Kt—Q R 4
 11 Kt—K 1 10 Q×Kt

The winner suggests here 11 Kt—Q 2, Kt—Q 2; 12 P—Q R 4, Kt×B; 13 Kt×Kt, P—K B 4; 14 P—K B 3, with

the threat to continue 15 Kt—R 5 and 16 B—K 3.

11 Kt×B
 12 Kt—Q 2
 13 P—K B 4
 14 R×P
 15 Kt—B 3

Here M. Löwenfisch gives 15 P×P, R×R ch; 16 K×R, Kt×P; 17 P—Q 4 (17 B—B 4, Q—B 2 l), B—Kt 5; 18 Q—Q 2, R—B 1 ch; 19 K—Kt 1, Q—B 2, and Black wins. He also points out that 15 Q—B 3, R—Kt 1; 16 Q—B 6, Kt—B 4 is to Black's advantage; instead, however, of 16 Q—B 6, White could play 16 Q—Kt 3 and maintain equality—his last chance of doing so.

15 B—Kt 2
 16 B—Q 2

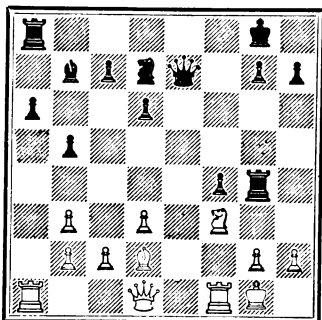
This loses a Pawn. But if 16 P×P, Kt×P; 17 Kt×Kt, R×Kt; 18 B—Q 2, R—K 7; 19 R—B 2, R×R; 20 K×R, Q—B 3 ch; 21 K—Kt 1, Q—Kt 3; 22 Q—K B 1, R—K B 1; 23 Q—K 2, R—K 1; 26 Q—B 2; B×P; 25 Q×B, Q×Q ch; 26 K×Q, R—K 7 ch wins for Black. 22 P—Kt 3 would have been worse on account of ..., Q—B 4 and .., Q—Q 4.

16 P×P
 17 Kt—Q 4 17 R—Kt 4
 18 Kt—B 3 18 R—Kt 5

..... A subtle stroke; defence of the Pawn is only one part of the idea.

Position after 18.., R—Kt 5.

BLACK (LÖWENFISCH)



WHITE (WERLINSKY)

19 P—R 3

Falling straightway into the snare! The only good move is 19 P—Q 4 to prevent ..., Kt—K 4. A fine combination is now developed.

20 K×R

21 K—R 1

19 R×P ch!

20 Q—Kt 4 ch

The point of the trap is now apparent; before the King's Rook's Pawn was moved the White King could have escaped by way of K B 2.

21 Kt—K 4

22 Q—K 2

If 22 B—K 1, Q—R 4; 23 K—Kt 2, R—K 1 wins easily.

23 Q—Kt 2

24 B—B 3

22 Q—Kt 6

23 Kt×Kt!

If 24 Q×Q, P×Q, he must continue 25 R×Kt (to avoid .., Kt—Q 5 ch and .., Kt—K 7 mate), and with two Pawns down his hope in the different coloured Bishops would be but a forlorn one; still it was better than the course chosen, and Black now winds up with great elegance.

25 Q×B

26 K—Kt 1

27 K—B 2

28 K—K 1

24 Kt—Q 5!

25 Q×P ch

26 Kt—K 7 ch

27 Q—K 6 ch

28 Kt×B mate

GAME No. 5,330.

French Defence.

WHITE
A. ILJIN-
SHNEVSKY

BLACK
A. SERGIEFF

1 P—K 4

2 P—Q 4

3 Kt—Q B 3

1 P—K 3

2 P—Q 4

3 B—Kt 5

.....Not very favourably regarded, for the reason that after White has Castled Black has soon to choose between loss of time in retreating, or providing White with an open file by exchanging. White's safest 4th move is to exchange Pawns.

4 B—Q 3

4 P—Q B 4

.....First suggested by Jaenisch. In a game between Winawer and de Vere (Baden, 1870) there occurred 4.., P×P;

5 B×P, P—Q B 4, and that is probably the best reply to White's last move.

5 P—Q R 3

5 B—R 4

.....Speculating upon the tripled Pawns, but these turn out to be much less easy to deal with than Black expects. An alternative line of some promise would be 5.., B×Kt ch; 6 P×B, P—B 5; 7 B—K 2, Kt—K B 3.

6 P×Q P

6 K P×P

.....Not 6.., Q×P because 7 P—Q Kt 4 wins a piece.

7 P×P

8 P×B

7 B×Kt ch

8 Q—R 4

.....Premature, as capture of the foremost Pawn with Queen only helps White's development.

8... Kt—Q 2 was a better way of dealing with the Pawns; if 9 B—K 3 then 9... Q—R 4 is satisfactory.

9 Kt—K 2 9 Kt—K B 3

.....Now if 9... Kt—Q 2;
10 R—Q Kt 1, Kt×P?; 11 B—Kt 5 ch, etc.

10 Castles 10 Castles

11 B—K 3 11 Kt—B 3

.....Now it is too late for 11... Q Kt—Q 2; the reply would be 12 B—Q 4, and Black dare not take the Pawn as 13 B×K Kt would leave a fatal weakness on his King's side.

12 B—Q 4 12 Kt—Q 2

.....Already there is no good move. This Knight is the chief defence of his King's side; it would be better therefore, to play either 12... Q—Q 1 or 12... Kt×B.

13 R—Kt 1 13 P—Q R 3

14 Kt—B 4

(See diagram).

14 Kt×B

.....The winner gives the following to show that Black

could still not take the Pawn:
14... Kt×P; 15 B×P ch, K×B; 16 Q—R 5 ch, K—Kt 1;
17 B×P, K×B; 18 Q—Kt 5 ch, K—R 2; 19 Kt—R 5, Q×B P;
20 Kt—B 6 ch, Q×Kt; 21 Q×Q and wins.

15 P×Kt 15 Kt—B 3

16 R—Kt 6 16 B—Kt 5

17 Q—B 1 17 Q—R 5

.....Hoping for 18 P—Q B 3,
Q—Q 2.

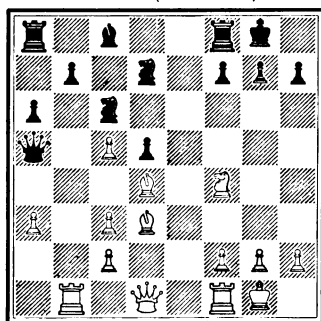
18 R×Kt 18 P×R

19 Kt×P 19 B—R 4

White mates in four moves.

Position after 14 Kt—B 4.

BLACK (SERGIEFF)



WHITE (ILJIN SHENEVSKY)

GAME No. 5,331.

Played in the Western Championship tournament at Detroit.
Notes by J. H. B.

French Defence.

WHITE

BLACK

C. TORRE

JOHN WINTER

1 P—K 4

1 P—K 3

2 P—Q 4

2 P—Q 4

3 Kt—Q B 3

3 P—Q B 4

4 K P×P

4 K P×P

5 Kt—B 3

The attempt to win a Pawn, by 5 P×P, is out of favour since Marshall practised this variation for Black fifteen to twenty years ago.

5 B—K 3

.....In a game between Janowski and Marshall (1905), there occurred 5... Kt—Q B 3; 6 P×P, Kt—B 3; 7 B—K 3, B—K 2; 8 B—Q Kt 5, Castles; 9 Castles, B—K Kt 5; 10 B×Kt, P×B; 11 B—Q 4, Kt—K 5; 12 Kt—Q R 4?, Kt—Kt 4, with the better game for Black.

6 B—K 2

6 Kt—Q B 3

7 Castles

7 Kt—B 3

8 B—K B 4

8 B—K 2

9 Q Kt—Kt 5 9 Q R—B 1
 10 P×P 10 B×P
 11 Q Kt—Q 4 11 Castles
 12 Kt×Kt 12 R×Kt
 13 Kt—Q 4 13 R—B 1
 14 B—K Kt 5 14 P—K R 3
 15 B—R 4 15 B—K 2
 16 R—K 1 16 P—Q R 3
 17 B—B 3 17 Q—Kt 3
 18 R—Kt 1 18 K R—K 1
 19 P—B 3 19 B—Q 1
 20 Q—Q 3 20 Kt—R 2

.....Apparently he has not yet made up his mind to go to K 5; but even so 20... Kt—Q 2 and 21... Kt—B 4, attacking White's Queen, was a better route to that square. Perhaps, however, the move (the 20th) was made hurriedly under clock pressure.

21 B×B 21 Q R×B
 22 R—K 2 22 Kt—Kt 4
 23 Q R—K 1 23 Kt—K 5
 24 P—K R 3 24 B—Q 2
 25 B×Kt 25 R×B
 26 R×R 26 P×R
 27 R×P?

A blunder. 27 Q—B 2 was necessary.

(See diagram).

27 Q×P

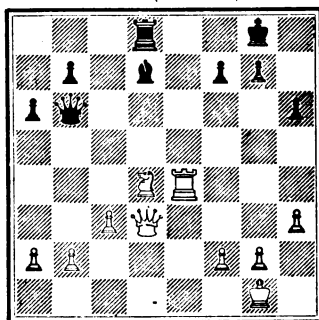
.....Black's failure to win the Exchange here by 27... B—B 4 is surprising. An unpunished blunder frequently provides its perpetrator with a winning advantage, and the rest of the game is a case in point; White seizes upon the opportunity to pin the Bishop, and plays the finish with deadly accuracy.

28 Kt—B 5! 28 Q—B 8 ch
 29 K—R 2 29 Q—Kt 4
 30 R—Q 4 30 P—K Kt 3
 31 Kt—K 3 31 Q—K 2
 32 Kt—Kt 4 32 K—Kt 2
 33 R—Q 6 33 B×Kt
Otherwise he loses a clear piece by 34 Kt—B 6.
 34 Q—Q 4 ch 34 P—B 3
 35 R×R 35 B—K 3
 36 Q—Q 6 36 Q—K B 2
 37 P—Q B 4 37 P—K Kt 4
 38 P—B 5 38 K—Kt 3
 39 P—B 6 39 P×P
 40 Q×P 40 B×P
 41 Q—B 2 ch 41 P—K B 4
 42 R—Q 6 ch 42 B—K 3
 43 Q—B 8 43 K—B 3
 44 Q—R 8 ch 44 Resigns

.....For if 44... K—Kt 3; 45 Q—K 5 wins the Bishop. It will be recalled that White won the tournament by a margin of half a point over three other competitors (see p. 421).

Position after 27 R×P.

BLACK (WINTER)



WHITE (TORRE)

GAME No. 5,332.

Played in the same tournament.

Philidor's Defence.

WHITE L. J. ISAACS
 BLACK S. MLOTKOWSKI
 1 P—K 4 1 P—K 4

2 Kt—K B 3 2 P—Q 3
 3 Kt—B 3 3 P—K B 4
 4 P—Q 4

This transposes into Zukertort's method of treating similar counter gambits. Mr. Mlotkowski maintains 4 P×P to be White's best. The move of 3 Kt—B 3 for White is not noticed in the books.

5 Q Kt×P 4 P×K P
5 Kt—K B 3

.....A suggestion of Alapin's which Black wished to test Morphy (*v.* Bird) continued 5... P—Q 4, but Bird failed to make the strong reply 6 Kt×P, and lost.

6 Kt×Kt 6 P×Kt
7 P×P 7 Q—K 2

.....There is nothing better than 7... Q P×P. 7... B P×P is untenable on account of 8 Kt×P, P×Kt; 9 Q—R 5 ch, K—Q 2; 10 B—K Kt 5 and 11 Castles ch. White's reply to the text move should, as Mr. Mlotkowski points out, have been 8 P—K 6, leaving Black saddled with a weak King's Bishop's Pawn and a cramped position.

8 B—K 3 ? 8 Q P×P
9 Q—Q 2 9 B—Q 2

.....9... B—K 3 compels White to play 10 P—Q R 3 before Castling; but after 10... Kt—Q 2; 11 Castles, Black has to take the same precaution, so nothing would be gained.

10 Castles 10 Kt—B 3
11 B—B 5

This saves Black much time and thought as to the development of his King's Bishop. 11 B—Q B 4, Castles; 12 P—K R 3, with P—K Kt 4 to follow, threatening ultimately to isolate Black's King's Pawn, is a feasible plan of operations.

12 B×B 11 Q—Kt 2
13 P—K Kt 3 12 R×B
14 Q—K 3 13 Castles
15 K—Kt 1 14 Q—B 2
16 R×R ch 15 B—K 3
17 P—Kt 3 16 R×R
17 Q—K 2

.....17... B—Q 4 would allow White to check with Bishop at R 3, and complete his development.

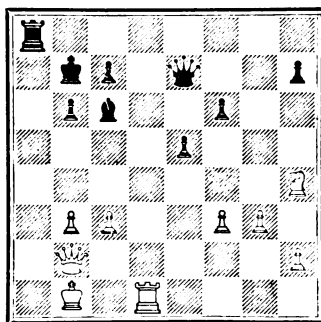
18 B—Kt 5 18 B—Q 4
19 B×Kt 19 B×B
20 R—K 1 20 Q—Kt 5
21 P—B 3 21 Q—Q 3
22 Kt—R 4 22 P—Kt 3
23 Kt—B 5 23 Q—Q 2
24 Kt—R 4

The Knight, having reached a strong post, might as well have been maintained there by P—K Kt 4. After this retreat it takes only a passive part in the remainder of the game.

24 K—Kt 2
25 P—B 3 25 P—Q R 4
26 K—B 2 26 Q—Q 3
27 Q—K 2 27 Q—R 6
28 K—Kt 1 28 P—R 5
29 R—Q 1 29 R—Q R 1
30 Q—Q Kt 2 30 P×P
31 P×P 31 Q—B 4
32 Q—Q B 2 32 Q—R 6
33 Q—Q Kt 2 33 Q—K 2

Position after 33... Q—K 2.

BLACK (MLOTKOWSKI)



WHITE (ISAACS)

34 Q—Q 2

After the game White suggested as better 34 Q—K 2, P—K 5; 35 R—Q 4; but Black can then play 35... Q—B 4 advantageously.

35 R—K 1	34 P—K 5	38 K—B 1	38 B×P
36 Q—Q Kt 2	35 Q—R 6	39 R—K 2	39 R—R 8 ch !
37 P×P	36 Q—Q 3	40 Q×R	40 Q×R
	37 Q—Q 6 ch	41 Resigns	

 GAME NO. 5.333.

Played in the current Championship tournament of the City of London Club. Notes by J.H.B.

Ruy Lopez.

WHITE

BLACK

J. H. BLAKE

E. G. SERGEANT

- 1 P—K 4
2 Kt—K B 3
3 B—Kt 5
4 B—R 4
5 Castles
6 P—Q 4

- 1 P—K 4
2 Kt—Q B 3
3 P—Q R 3
4 Kt—B 3
5 P—Q 3

Only good when Black has adopted the .., P—Q 3 defence one move earlier. With Black's Queen's Knight already out White should play either 6 R—K 1 or 6 B×Kt ch, P×B; 7 P—Q 4.

6 P—Q Kt 4

7 B—Kt 3

Now White should play 7 P×P, P×P; 8 B—Kt 3; but Black has then an easy defence.

- 8 Kt×Kt
9 P—Q B 3

- 7 Q Kt×P
8 P×Kt

Necessary for the safety of the Bishop. An onlooker afterwards suggested 9 P—K 5; but then 9.., P×P; 10 R—K 1, P—B 4; 11 R×P ch, B—K 2, and White must now play 12 P—Q B 4, giving Black a passed Pawn.

- 10 Kt×P
11 P—B 4

- 9 P×P
10 B—K 2

A better line was 11 Q—B 3, B—Kt 2; 12 Q—Kt 3, Castles; 13 B—R 6, with a good attack.

- 11 Castles
12 B—Kt 2
13 P—B 4
14 P—B 5
15 P—Q 4

If 16 P×P Black cannot of course retake with Knight on account of 17 B—K 4, but he can play 16.., B—B 4 ch, and 17 B×P safely.

- 17 B—K 3
18 P×P e.p.

- 16 Kt—K 5
17 P—B 4

As he pointed out after the game, White should have played 18 Kt—K 2, with Kt—Q 4 to follow. After the text-move he has a theoretically lost game.

- 19 B×Kt
20 Q—B 2
21 R—Q 1
22 Q—B 2
23 B—B 5
24 Kt—K 2
25 Kt—B 1
26 B—Kt 6

- 18 B×P
19 P×B
20 Q—Q 2
21 Q—K B 2
22 Q R—Q 1
23 K R—K 1
24 R—Q 6
25 Q—Q 4

(See diagram).

26 Q—B 3

.....The best way of winning here is 26.., P—K 6. If 27 K R—K 1, R×R; 28 R×R, P—K 7

wins. If 27 Kt×R, P—K 7 wins. If 27 R×R, P×R; 28 Kt×P, P—K 7 wins. If 27 Q—K 2, Q×P ch; 28 Q×Q, B×Q; 29 K×B, P—K 7; 30 Kt×P, R×Kt ch and wins.

27 B—R 7 27 R×R

.....27... P—K 6 was still the best; the course taken prolongs the game considerably and even puts his win in jeopardy.

28 R×R 28 P—K 6
29 R—K 1 29 B—R 5
30 R×P 30 R—K B 1
31 R—K B 3 31 R—K 1
32 R—K 3

If 32 B—B 2, B×B ch; 33 R×B (33 Q×B, Q—Q 3 !), R—K 8 ch; 34 R—B 1, Q—B 4 ch; 35 Q—B 2, R—K 7; 36 Q×Q, R×P ch; 37 K—R 1, R—Kt 6 ch and mates in two more. If 32 B—K 3, Q—Q 3; 33 R—R 3, Q×P! and should win. If 32 Kt—K 2, Q—K 3 wins.

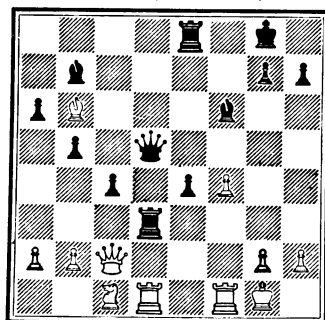
33 R—K 2 32 R—Q 1
34 K—R 1 33 Q—Q 4
35 B—Kt 1 34 Q—Q 8 ch
36 R—Q 2 35 Q—B 8
37 R—Q 1 36 R—K 1

Fatal. Whereas 37 R—K 2 would have given Black considerable trouble. If 37... R×R; 38 Q×R, B×P ch; 39 Q×B, Q×Kt, White gets a perpetual check.

38 Q×B 37 B×P ch
39 Q—B 6 38 Q×R
40 P—R 4 39 Q—K 8
41 Q×R ch 40 B—B 7
42 B×B 41 Q×Q
43 K—Kt 1 42 P×P
44 Resigns 43 Q—K 5

Position after 26 B—Kt 6.

BLACK (SERGEANT)



WHITE (BLAKE)

The two following games were played in a match by correspondence between the clubs of Sydney and Brisbane.

GAME No. 5,334.

Petroff's Defence.

WHITE BRISBANE	BLACK SYDNEY	WHITE BRISBANE	BLACK SYDNEY
1 P—K 4	P—K 4	11 P—Q Kt 3	11 Castles
2 Kt—K B 3	Kt—K B 3	12 B—Kt 2	Q—Q 2
3 P—Q 4	P×P	13 B×P?	P—K Kt 4
4 B—Q 3?	Kt—B 3	14 R—K 4	B—K B 4
5 Castles	P—Q 4	15 R—K 1	Q—R—Q 1
6 P—K 5	Kt—K 5	16 P—B 3	P—Kt 5
7 R—K 1	B—K 2	17 P—K 6	P×P
8 B×Kt	P×B	18 Q Kt—Q 2	P×Kt
9 R×P	B—K B 4	19 Kt×P	B—K Kt 5
10 R—B 4?	B—K 3		

And after a few more moves White resigned.

GAME No. 5,335.

Queen's Gambit Declined.

WHITE SYDNEY	BLACK BRISBANE	WHITE SYDNEY	BLACK BRISBANE
1 P—Q 4	P—Q 4	15 P—K B 4	Kt—K t 3
2 Kt—K B 3	P—K 3	16 Q R—K 1	P—Q B 4
3 P—B 4	Kt—K B 3	17 Kt×B P	Q×Kt
4 Kt—B 3	Kt—B 3 ?	18 P—B 5	Q—K 1
5 B—Kt 5	B—Kt 5	19 P—K 5	P—Q Kt 4
6 P—K 3	B×Kt ch	20 B×P ch	K—R 1
7 P×B	Castles	21 P—B 6	Q×B
8 Q—B 2	P—K R 3	22 Q×Kt	R—B 2 ?
9 B×Kt	Q×B	23 R—K 3	B—Q 4
10 B—Q 3	P—Q Kt 3	24 R—Kt 3	B P×P
11 P—K 4	P×B P	25 P×Q P	R—Q B 1 ?
12 B×P	B—Kt 2	26 P×P ch	K—Kt 1
13 Castles K R	Kt—K 2	27 R×R	Resigns
14 Kt—K 5	Q R—Q 1		

GAME No. 5,336.

Played in the French Championship tournament at Strasbourg.

Vienna Opening.

WHITE F. LAZARD	BLACK R. CRÉPEAUX	WHITE F. LAZARD	BLACK R. CRÉPEAUX
1 P—K 4	P—K 4	8 Kt×Kt	Q—R 5 ch
2 Kt—Q B 3	Kt—Q B 3	9 P—Kt 3	Kt×P
3 P—B 4	P—Q 4	10 Kt—B 3	B—B 7 ch !
4 P×K P	Kt×P	11 K×B	Kt—K 5 ch
5 Kt—B 3	Kt—Q B 3	12 K—K 3	Q—B 7 ch
6 B—K 2	B—Q B 4	13 K—Q 3	B—B 4
7 P—Q 4	Kt×P	14 Q—Kt 1	Kt—Kt 4 ch.
		15 Resigns	

GAME No. 5,337.

Played in a match by telegraph between the clubs of San Francisco and Los Angeles.

Queen's Pawn Opening.

WHITE A. J. FINK (San Francisco)	BLACK S. MLOTKOWSKI (Los Angeles)	WHITE A. J. FINK (San Francisco)	BLACK S. MLOTKOWSKI (Los Angeles)
1 P—Q 4	P—Q 4	14 Kt—K R 4	Kt—B 2
2 Kt—K B 3	P—K 3	15 K—Kt 2	P—K 4
3 B—B 4	B—Q 3	16 P×P	P×P
4 P—K 3	B×B	17 P—B 3	Q—B 3
5 P×B	Q—Q 3	18 K—Kt 3	R—K 2
6 Q—Q 2	Kt—K R 3	19 R—K 2	Q R—K 1
7 Kt—B 3	P—Q B 3	20 Q R—K 1	B—B 1
8 B—Q 3	Kt—Q 2	21 Kt—Q 1	Q—Q 3
9 Castles K R	Castles	22 Kt—B 2	Kt—Q 2
10 K R—K 1	R—K 1	23 P—B 3	P—K 5 ch
11 P—K R 3	Kt—B 1	24 Q—B 4	Kt (Q 2)—K 4
12 P—K Kt 4	B—Q 2	25 P×P	P—K Kt 4
13 P—B 5	P—B 3	26 P×P e.p.	P×Kt P

27 Kt—B 3	R—B 1	35 Kt×B	R—R 7 ch
28 P×P	Kt—R 1 ?	36 K—Kt 3	R×Kt
29 B—B 5	P×B	37 P—Q 6	R—Q 1
30 Kt×Kt	P×Kt P	38 R—Q 1	Kt—B 2
31 Q—Kt 5 ch	R—Kt 2	39 Kt—Kt 4	Kt×P
32 Kt—K 4	R×Q	40 Kt—B 6 ch	K—Kt 2
33 Kt×Q	P×P ch	41 R×Kt	Resigns
34 K—R 4	R—Kt 2		

GAME No. 5,338.

Played in the all-Russian tournament.

Queen's Gambit Declined.

WHITE		BLACK	
F. DUS-CHOTIMIRSKY		A. SELESNIEFF	
1 P—Q 4	Kt—R B 3	20 P—B 5	Kt—B 1
2 P—Q B 4	P—K 3	21 B—Q B 4	Kt—Q 2
3 Kt—Q B 3	P—Q 4	22 B—K Kt 3	P—Q Kt 4
4 B—Kt 5	P—B 3	23 B—Kt 3	P—Q R 4
5 Kt—B 3	Q Kt—Q 2	24 P—Q R 3	B—R 3
6 P—K 3	Q—R 4	25 Q—R 2	Q—K 2
7 Kt—Q 2	B—Kt 5	26 B—Q 6	Q—B 3
8 Q—B 2	Castles	27 R—B 4	P—R 5
9 B—B 4	Kt—K 5 ?	28 B—B 2	P—Kt 5
10 K Kt×Kt	P×Kt	29 Q R×P	Q—Kt 4
11 B—K 2	R—K 1	30 B×P	Kt—B 3
12 Castles	P—K 4	31 B×P	R×P
13 B—Kt 3	B×Kt	32 B×R	R—K 8 ch
14 P×B	K P×P	33 K—B 2	R—K B 8 ch
15 P (B 3)×P	Kt—B 1	34 K—K 3	Kt—Kt 5 ch
16 Q R—Kt 1	Q—Q 1	35 K—Q 2	P—R 4
17 P—B 5	Kt—K 3	36 R—Kt 8 ch	K—R 2
18 B—K 5	Q—Kt 4	37 Q×B P	Resigns
19 P—B 4	Q—Q 1		

GAME No. 5,339.

Played in the same tournament.

Ruy Lopez.

WHITE		BLACK	
J. WILNER		F. DUS-CHOTIMIRSKY	
1 P—K 4	P—K 4	16 B×Kt	B×B
2 Kt—K B 3	Kt—Q B 3	17 P—B 4	Kt—Kt 3
3 B—Kt 5	P—Q R 3	18 P—K 5	B—Q 1
4 B—R 4	Kt—B 3	19 P—K 6	B—B 1
5 Castles	P—Q 3	20 P×P ch	K×P
6 P—B 4	B—K 2	21 P—B 5	Kt—B 1
7 Kt—B 3	Castles	22 Kt—B 4	B—Q 2
8 P—Q 4	P×P	23 P—Q Kt 4	Q×P
9 Kt×P	B—Q 2	24 Q R—Kt 1	Q—B 4
10 B—B 2	R—K 1	25 R×P	K—Kt 1
11 B—Kt 5	P—R 3	26 K—R 1	B—B 3
12 B—R 4	Kt—K 4	27 Q Kt—K 6 !	Q B×Kt
13 P—Q Kt 3	P—B 3	28 Kt×B	Kt×Kt
14 P—K R 3	Q—R 4	29 P×Kt	R×P ?
15 Q Kt—K 2	P—Q 4 ?	30 Q—Q 3	R—K 2
		31 Q—R 7 ch	Resigns

PROBLEM WORLD.

By B. G. LAWS AND G. W. CHANDLER.

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In acknowledging the seasonable salutations we have received from many of our correspondents, we feel a pleasure in reciprocating the kind messages and trust that all who are linked with us in the endeavour to popularise and improve our art, will have the best of health and fortune during the New Year.

Will solvers please note that the White Queen in problem No. 2,497 (Bukofzer) should be the White King. Only one solver so far has failed to detect the misprint, or rather been troubled by it.

BRITISH CHESS PROBLEM SOCIETY.

FOURTH INTERNATIONAL COMPOSING TOURNEY.—We regret to announce that Mr. C. H. Brockelbank, one of the judges originally selected, will be unable to adjudicate. The committee have asked Mr. G. F. Anderson to fill the vacancy and he has kindly consented to act with Dr. Niels Höeg. The closing date for this tourney is March 31st, 1925.

We hope to start the solving tourney next month. As the positions will be selected mainly from problems entered in the Fourth International Tourney, it was found necessary to wait till a few suitable entries had been received.

INTERNATIONAL SELF-MATE TOURNEY.—In view of the anticipation of Mr. G. Heathcote's first prize-winner (see *B.C.M.*, December, page 523) the judges have decided that it must be disqualified. Mr. Heathcote has our sympathy on the loss of a fine problem. The amended award reads:—

- 1st Prize. No. 22, by P. F. Blake (Warrington).
- 2nd „ No. 13, by K. A. L. Kubbel (Leningrad).
- 3rd „ No. 5, by E. E. Westbury (Birmingham).
- 4th „ No. 19, by C. A. L. Bull (Durban).

The lecture which Mr. Andrade delivered at the Society's room on the 19th ult., the subject being "A Modern Two-move Theme" was, though in some respects rather technical, much appreciated. Mr. Andrade, who has made what may be termed an intensive study

of the subject which relates to the device of the "cut off" of White force strategy and its correlative effect upon Black, proved he had a thorough grasp on the subject and he illustrated his points on the two demonstration boards by numerous specimens.

The next meeting of the Society is booked at St. Bride's Institute, 6-30 p.m., Friday, 23rd January, 1925, when the hon. secretary, G. W. Chandler will discourse on "A Great British Problemist." It is to be hoped that members can induce some of their friends to be present, as the lecture is sure to be one of great interest.

CASTLING IN PROBLEMS.

The following is the only adverse comment we have received in respect of our article on this subject of last month.

Although we are open to conviction we do not see anything in the argument of our good friend, Mr. Thompson. We cannot concede anyone has the right to make an assumption which we believe we made clear and as regards the diagram below, one gets no further. If the position (an extremely unlikely one) has arisen in actual play and no antecedent moves are furnished we should contend that the right to Castle is an uncertainty and there should be nothing of this sort in chess, and in fact there is not. Therefore, Mr. Thompson's premises that we *must* assume or accept the evidence *prima facie* are, we consider, wrong.

Whenever we meet a position in which King and Rook stand on their original squares we must—in the absence of proof that either of them has moved—adopt one of two courses. We may abstain from action or we may make an *assumption*, no third course is possible.

To abstain from action is to place such positions outside the pale of consideration altogether, so we must either ignore them entirely or else assume something.

Two alternative assumptions lie open to us:
(a) that the right to Castle has been retained;
(b) that the right to Castle has been forfeited.

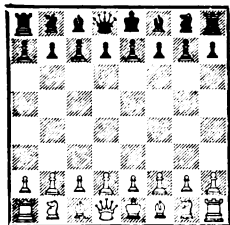
Those who advocate the latter view must, if they are consistent, deny the right to Castle in the adjoined position, in which all four Rooks may have moved.

Any legal position may be derived step by step from this diagram, and unless the prohibition be imposed from the start it would be interesting to learn at what stage it should be applied.

It must be noted that the right to Castle is independent of the power to do so at any particular moment.

Would the objections to Havel's problem be met if it were transferred to the game section, and there placed on a diagram preceded by a series of moves deriving it from the initial position without moving either King or Rook? If not, why not?

W. H. THOMPSON.



"CASTLING IN PROBLEMS"

TO THE PROBLEM EDITOR OF THE *B.C.M.*

SIR,—The writer of the little article on "Castling in Problems" (December *B.C.M.*) states that chess is an exact science. In a controversy some years ago on the question, "Is there Luck in Chess?" it was stated on the "Yes" side that chess is not an exact science.

One statement must be wrong. Which?

Chess properly played—never a weak move—must be an exact science. If so played on both sides the game would be drawn.

Of course there is "luck" in the mental or physical condition of the player, or there may be, any day. But that is a different thing from luck or chance as an element in the game of chess.

W. S. BRANCH.

ETHICS OF PROBLEM TOURNEYS.

Composers, when sending problems for competition, do so in compliance with previously announced conditions, and if these conditions are strictly followed, no one can have a grievance. At the B.C.P. Society's *Conversazione* last month, however, the Rev. N. Bonavia Hunt called attention to a little hardship which the conditions of most problem tourneys cause to competitors. It is the usual custom, in order that a judge should have no knowledge of the authorship of the positions submitted to him, to use pseudonyms or mottos for identification purposes, and in some cases the conductor for a like object, numbers the entries. The problems are usually published anonymously and not until after the judge has lodged his award is a list of the competitors given. This really means that first of all an unsuccessful problem is disqualified from again competing and in the second place cannot be contributed to other chess columns or magazines as "hitherto unpublished." It is only the enthusiastic problem student who takes the trouble to re-label the failures—some of which are gems only outshone by the brilliancy of the prize-winners but the great mass of solvers never concern themselves weeks or months after publication with the composers whose works they have studied with only passing interest, the result being that the authorship of many really good works is befogged in an atmosphere of anonymity. In some cases the promoters of a problem tourney stipulate that the problems entered are to become their property, still this does no more than secure the copyright, whatever value is attached to it, and does not alleviate the injustice a composer suffers through his labours being used without that credit properly due to him.

G. W. Chandler, years ago, realised this perplexity, and in the informal competitions he managed, he arranged that only the problems marked out for honours by the judge should be printed, the others being returned to the senders. It was found this worked very nicely and a similar method has been adopted in some of the B.C.P.S. competitions. This method, however, is not without its drawbacks as it may happen, and has happened, that a problem provisionally awarded a prize may afterwards be found unsound. Had the defect

of this unlucky position been detected before judgment, the author would be free to use it again after amendment in the same manner as all those which failed to get on the honours' list. A fairly satisfactory arrangement is one which we believe the chess editor of the *Brisbane Courier* has made in publishing the unsuccessful entries (or a selection thereof) after the award, giving due credit to the authors, but this course is not always practicable, especially in the case where the popularity of the competition attracts a large number of composers.

This matter is one which should be dealt with by an authoritative body and the conclusions arrived at be issued as recommendations. It is hoped the subject will be discussed shortly at one of the B.C.P.S. meetings when Mr. Bonavia Hunt will present his views. He has handed to us a statement and we quote therefrom the following, though we feel trepidation in the feasibility of his ideas.

I suggest that every competitor should be asked to submit one copy with his name for the judge, or if more than one judge, as many extra copies as are required. Also it would be a distinct advantage from the judge's point of view if the author specified the near tries, if any, on the diagram sheet. After the limit date of entry, all unnamed diagrams are to be sent to the judge or judges, who are requested not to see the column during the period of publication of entries. In this way the award could be made out independently of the concurrent publication under composers' names, and discoveries of cooks, etc., by solvers could be utilised for the purpose of disqualification. The preliminary order of merit would then be revised, and the final award published.

INFORMAL TOURNEY.

For the best original two- and three-move problems published in the *B.C.M.* during 1925 the following prizes are offered :—

Two-movers, 20/-, 10/- and book prize.

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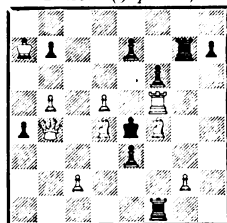
Problems will be published as nearly as possible in the order they are received, but the Problem Editor reserves the right to reject any position which in their opinion does not attain the necessary standard.

“SIMPLE TWO-MOVE THEMES.”

The above is the title of another of those attractive volumes in the “A.C.W.’s Christmas Series” which has come to hand with Mr. Alain C. White’s seasonable greetings, who with D. F. Bonner Feats has compiled the 600 odd two-movers by about 290 composers it contains. It is ably edited by Mr. George Hume. We are looking forward to receiving much entertainment from a study of its pages, and next month will give a more detailed appreciation.

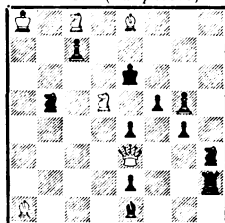
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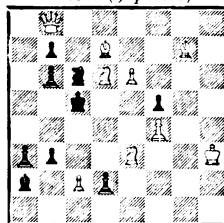
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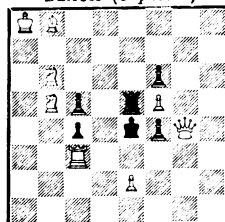


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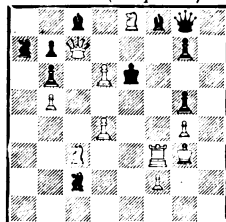
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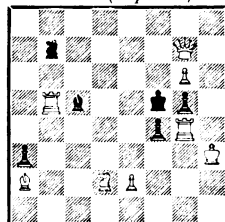
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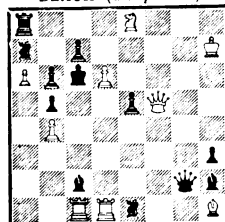
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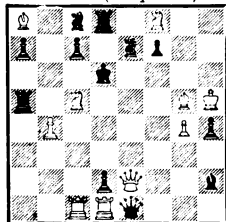
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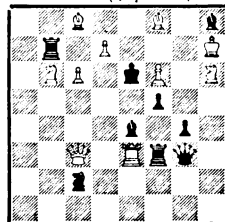
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BLACK (9 pieces)



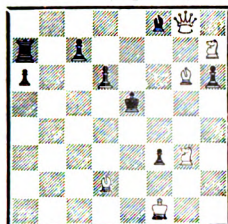
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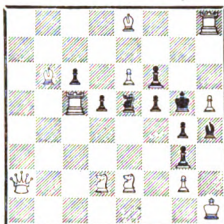
Three-movers.

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By J. RIETVELD.
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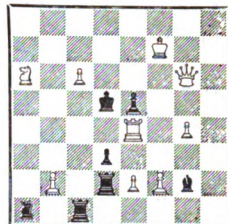
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First Prize.
By C. VAN REDE.
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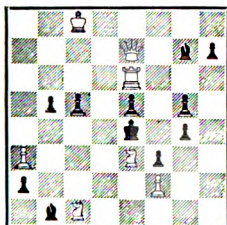
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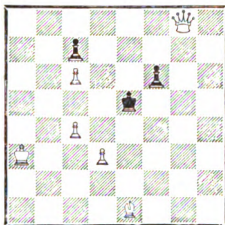
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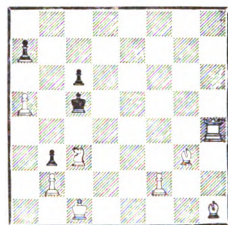
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Second Prize.
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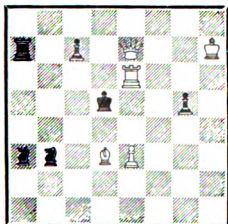
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WHITE (8 *pieces*)
Mate in three.

Two-movers.

First Prize.
By H. WEENINK.
BLACK (6 *pieces*)



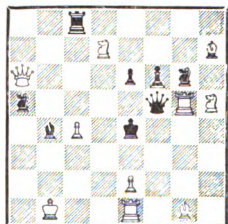
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Mate in two.

First Prize.
By A. ELLERMAN.
BLACK (9 *pieces*)



WHITE (10 *pieces*)
mate in two.

Second Prize.
By P. J. G. STUIVER.
BLACK (8 *pieces*)



WHITE (10 *pieces*)
Mate in two.

SOLVERS' SCORE—"LADDER" COMPETITION.

 Problems (November) 2,491 to 2,494 inclusive.

*J. A. Allcock (30); Dr. R. Tennant Bruce (435) 5-5-10-0 (455); †A. T. Cannell (65) 5-5-10-10 (95); J. Chadwick (Sydney) (100); R. W. Clark (Canada) (810) 5-5-10-0 (830); *W. H. Cutland (200) 5-5-10-10 (230); **F. J. Dennis (465) 5-5-10-10 (495); J. C. Derlien (495) 5-5-10-10 (525); Rev. A. T. Dean (270); J. W. Davies (30) 5-5-10-10 (60); G. Fegent (760) 5-5-0-0 (770); *C. Folley (235) 5-5-10-10 (265); **Albert Haddy (125) 5-5-10-0 (145); **W. F. Herbert (490) 5-5-10-0 (510); J. A. Hatherill (225); Rev. F. O'D. Hoare (275) 5-5-10-10 (305); A. Galbraith (30) 5-5-10-0 (50); †G. Stillingfleet Johnson (400) 5-5-10-10 (430); N. V. Joshi (Pusa, India) (290); **Frederick Lee (610) 5-5-10-10 (640); *J. A. Lewis (165) 5-5-10-10 (195); *Hubert Lees (Auckland) (285 + 35 Sept. = 320 + 30 Oct. = 350); T. W. R. Leistikow (255); Rev. N. Munro (305) 5-5-10-0 (325); R. J. Minns (630) D. Murray (285) 5-5-10-10 (315); Johannes Nielson (810) 5-5-10-10 (840); **A. Peacock (465) 5-5-10-0 (485); E. W. Punnett (0) 5-5-10-0 (20); T. Rosenfeld (265); *R. G. Thomson (520) 5-5-10-10 (550); *O. L. Telling (Monte Carlo) (30) 5-5-10-0 (50); "Tiro" (Ribe, Denmark) (230) 5-5-10-0 (250); R. G. Tyzack (85); F. W. Tyberg (0) 5-5-10-0 (20); A. C. Vaughan (30) 5-5-10-0 (50); *Rev. E. Wells (0) 5-5-10-0 (20); M. E. L. Wills (Gibraltar) (55); *W. A. Way (Malay States) (240).

Johannes Nielson heads the above list for November with his score of 840.

 SOLUTIONS.

No. 2,491, by B. J. de C. Andrade.—1 P—Q 4. A combination of three self-blocks followed by self-interference on the same rank. The theme is well blended with other features, for not only is the half-pin complete, but an extra thematic variation is introduced by 1... B—B 3. The uneconomic use of the White Knight at R 3 seems the only weakness.

No. 2,492, by E. Millins.—1 Q—B 6. The sacrificial key is excellent, and it allows the two cross-checks which are the point of the problem. The construction is fairly good though the necessity for the White Pawn at K 2 is not clear.

No. 2,493, by G. F. Anderson.—1 R—Q 8, B×R; 2 Q—K B 3 ch. If 1... R×Kt; 2 Q—Q 3 ch. If 1... K—Q 4; 2 Kt—Kt 6 dbl ch. If 1... P—B 4; 2 R—K 8 ch. If 1... others; 2 Kt—Q 2 ch. The out-of-play position of the White Rook suggests the key, but apart from this the problem is a most artistic work. It has not the depth of many of the author's problems, but the five lines of play all terminate in models of diverse character, and the Queen sacrifice gives a touch of brilliance to the play.

No. 2,494, by F. Simhovič.—1 R×P, P×R; 2 Q—B 8. If 1... B—Q 4; 2 Q—B 7. If 1... Q—Q 4; 2 Q—B 3. If 1... others; 2 B—B 6 dis ch. A fine example of the Wurzburg-Plachutta theme, which involves the mutual interference of Black pieces of the same kind of motion. The capture key is atoned for by the subtlety of the quiet second moves, and the construction is excellent. A most enjoyable strategic problem.

By W. E. Caine (p. 519).—1 K—Q 3.

By B. G. Laws (p. 519).—1 P—Kt 5 (threatening 2 P×Q), Q—K 4; 2 P—B 4, Q—Q 5; 3 P—K 3, Q—Kt 7; 4 P—Q 4, Q×P; 5 P×Q. If 1..., Q—R 2 ch; 4 K×Q, Kt—B 3 ch; 5 K—R 8. The Black Rook should stand at Q R 8, needing a Black Pawn at K R 5.

By F. Sackmann (p. 519).—1 Q—B 3, Q—R 7 ch; 2 R—K Kt 3 ch. If 1..., R×Q, Kt—Kt 2, B 3, R—K B 3, Kt 3 or K 3; 2 R—Kt 5 dbl ch. If 1..., K—B 3; 2 R—Q 6 dis ch. If 1..., Q×R; 2 B×Q ch. A bright mainplay showing the effectiveness of the battery which in this case is not ready for action until the withdrawal of the Queen.

By H. Dusold (p. 521).—This problem is easily solved by 1 P—Kt 4, Kt—K 5 (best); 2 B—B 6 ch. We believe the author's intention is 1 B—Q 4 (threatening 2 P—Kt 4), Kt or B—B 5 or Kt—K 3; 2 B—B 6 ch. If 1..., Kt—K 5; 2 R—Kt 7 ch. If 1..., Kt—B 7; 2 B×Kt. If 1..., Kt—Kt 8; 2 Kt×Kt. If 1..., B—K 6; 2 B×B ch, but there are no continuations after 1..., R or Kt—Kt 6. A good try is 1 R—B 8, defeated by the last two mentioned Black defences as also 1..., Kt—B 7.

By M. Schneider (p. 521).—1 Q Kt—B 5, P×Kt; 2 P—R 5. If 1..., K—Q 4; 2 Kt×P. If 1..., P—B 6; 2 Kt—Q Kt 3 ch. A good key, but none of the after-play is of similar merit. The position is rather laboured to secure the pure-waiting second move.

By K. A. L. Kubbel (p. 523).—1 Q—Kt 5, K×B; 2 Q Kt—B 7 ch, R×Kt; 3 K—Q 4 dis ch. If 1..., P×P; 2 Q Kt—B 7 dis ch, P×Q; 3 B×Kt ch. If 1..., others; 2 K—B 3 dis ch, K—Q 5; 3 R—K 4 ch. A very fine first move to an excellent three-move self-mate. Though White has but two second moves, Black gives three distinct mates.

By K. Traxler (p. 523).—1 R—K 2, P—B 5; 2 Q×B P ch, K—K 3; 3 K—Q 4 dis ch. If 1..., P—B 3; 2 K—B 3 dis ch, K—Q 5; 3 R—K 4 ch. If 1..., P×P; 2 Kt—Q 3 ch, K—B 4; 3 Q—Q 5 ch. If 1..., others; 2 Q—K 4 ch P×Q; 3 B×Kt ch. There is a remarkable resemblance between this problem and G. Heathcote's but as we have already indicated neither composer could have seen the other's work.

By C. J. Oosterholt (p. 523).—1 Kt—Q 4. The effects of the half-pin and the Bishop and Pawn interference have been cleverly arranged, though the solver will find the key easily enough on account of the position of the King's Knight.

By A. Madsen (p. 523).—1 B—B 8. The outlying Queen's Bishop makes the key-move plain. The mates by Bishop and Queen in reply to 1..., Q—K B 4 and Q—Q 4 are cleverly thought out.

By B. G. Fegan (p. 523).—1 K—R 7. It is soon seen that White's Q Kt 6 must be additionally commanded. The rest is simple as everything is set. The half pin device brings about some nice points.

By J. van Dijk (p. 524).—1 Kt—B 2. One of those change-mate problems where the set mates are better than those actually effected. The key is rather an unusual one for a two-mover and consequently is not readily hit upon.

By Dr. E. Palkoska (p. 524).—1 K—B 3. This is really not a change-mate two-mover but a "block-threat." It is an ingenious contrivance, but the duals are unsatisfactory. We cannot say we like the use of the King's Bishop merely for illusive purposes.

By J. R. Neukomm (p. 524).—1 R—K R 3. The White Bishop at Q R 7 must come off the board—its presence is unintentional. This is a neat little thing, the changed mates after 1..., P—B 5 and Queen's Knight moves with the added mate are quite good.

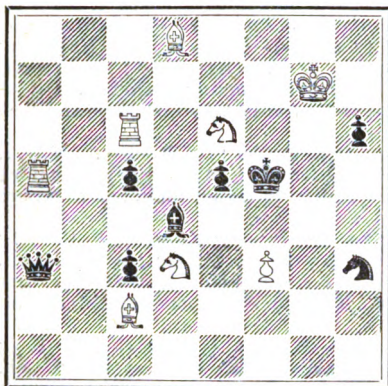
By H. Weenink (p. 524).—1 Q Kt—B 4. To bring the King's Bishop into play it is essential to move either the Rook or Queen's Knight and this reduces the difficulty considerably. Black's efforts to prevent the double checkmate lead to interesting results.

By W. Steib (p. 524).—1 Q—B 1. A block-threat with an excellent key-move. There is, however, a very small measure of variety as the Queen gives the only mates on two squares.

By A. Jakab (p. 524).—1 Q—B 6. A smart idea artistically set. There are "models" after 1..., K×Kt and B×Kt ch. The squares of flight are unusual in a two-mover; see the previous problem for another illustration.

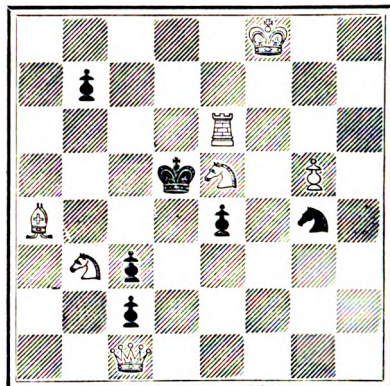
ORIGINAL PROBLEMS.

No. 2,499.

By A. MARI
(Genoa).BLACK (8 *pieces*)WHITE (8 *pieces*)

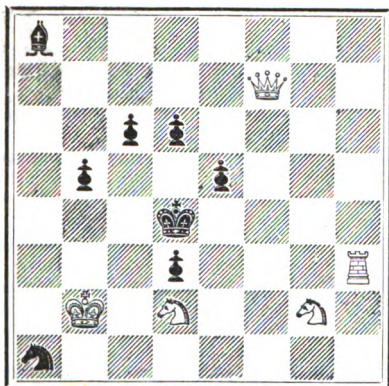
White mates in two moves.

No. 2,500.

By K. S. HOWARD
(Rochester, U.S.A.).BLACK (6 *pieces*)WHITE (7 *pieces*)

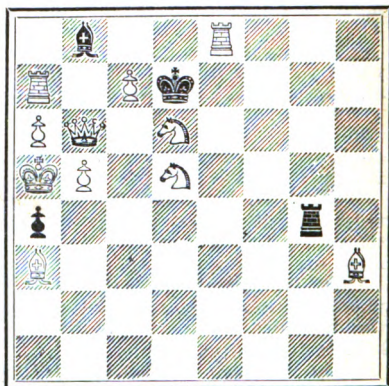
White mates in three moves.

No. 2,501.

By L. A. ISSAEFF
(Moscow).BLACK (8 *pieces*)WHITE (5 *pieces*)

White mates in three moves.

No. 2,502.

By G. F. ANDERSON
(Sheringham).BLACK (4 *pieces*)WHITE (11 *pieces*)

White compels Black to mate in three moves.

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HASTINGS CHRISTMAS CHESS FESTIVAL.

The fifth annual gathering of chessplayers at Hastings, under the auspices of the Hastings Borough Council and the Hastings Chess Club combined, met in the Council Chamber of the Town Hall on the evening of Saturday, December 27th, and daily from Monday, December 29th, to Friday, January 2nd. No less than ninety-two players participated in the tournaments, nine of them being masters or strong amateurs from the Continent. As Mr. H. E. Dobell, president of the club, remarked at the preliminary assembly, the large number of entries received this year had enabled the organisers to make a considerable enlargement of their original plans. But for this, of course, larger funds were required, the prize fund of £175 being by no means the only item. The loan of the Council Chamber, however, and a liberal contribution from the Council are two of the things that put Hastings in a position to carry on so successfully this annual affair.

Alderman W. J. Fellows, the Mayor, having welcomed the visitors to Hastings on behalf of the Town and Corporation, the actual work began just after 6 p.m. on December 27th. All the competitors in the two Premier sections put in their appearance, except that Price was a victim of holiday railway derangements (as also was Joyce in First Class, Section I). The Premier Reserves were even stronger than was originally announced, Opocenski (Czecho-Slovakia) sending in a late entry, and Drewitt consenting to fill a vacancy. A few vacancies in lower sections were filled up by Monday, so the number for which the programme allowed—ninety-two—was complete.

We give below a record, round by round, of the two Premier tournaments, some account of the Premier Reserves, and very brief descriptions of the other tournaments.

PREMIER TOURNAMENT.

ROUND I, Section I, December 27th.

	<i>Opening.</i>	<i>Result.</i>
Maroczy v. L. Steiner	<i>Ruy Lopez</i>	*Maroczy won (42).
Michell v. Seitz	<i>Sicilian</i>	*Drawn (51).
Bolland v. Dewing	<i>Four Knights'</i>	Bolland won (9).
Yates v. Price	<i>Ruy Lopez</i>	Yates won (35).
	* Adjourned.	

Owing to Price being held up on the railway, his game with Yates could not be even commenced until the following day when, however, it was finished at one sitting, Yates handling his favourite opening with all his customary skill.

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Bolland *v.* Dewing created a very early sensation, the game running: 1 P—K 4, P—K 4; 2 Kt—K B 3, Kt—Q B 3; 3 Kt—B 3, Kt—B 3; 4 P—Q 4, B—Kt 5; 5 Kt×P, Q—K 2; 6 Kt×Kt, Q×P ch; 7 B—K 2, Q×Kt; 8 Castles, P—Q 4; 9 B—Q Kt 5, Resigns. An extraordinary blunder! Maroczy outplayed his opponent in the middle game and brought about a winning game. Michell against Seitz got an ending with two Rooks *v.* Queen, and four Pawns each. Perhaps he should have won the game ending earlier; but after the adjournment a draw was practically inevitable.

Section II.

	Opening.	Result.
Tartakover <i>v.</i> Mackenzie ..	<i>English</i>	*Tartakover won (47).
Przepiorka <i>v.</i> Colle ..	<i>Queen's Gambit Declined</i> ..	*Przepiorka won (57).
A. Steiner <i>v.</i> Norman ..	<i>Irregular</i>	Steiner won (27).
Saunders <i>v.</i> Sergeant ..	<i>Queen's Pawn</i>	Drawn (36).

Steiner *v.* Norman began 1 Kt—K B 3, Kt—K B 3; 2 P—K Kt 3, P—K Kt 3; 3 B—Kt 2, B—Kt 2—which style of opening seemed to suit the Hungarian player better than the Hastings representative for the former rapidly got a very superior game. Saunders *v.* Sergeant was a rather dull game, the chief point of interest being in the opening: 1 P—Q 4, P—Q 4; 2 Kt—K B 3, Kt—K B 3; 3 P—K 3, P—K 4; 4 B—Q 3, B—Kt 5; 5 B—K 2, White having given himself Black's common position in the Queen's Gambit Declined.

Mackenzie should really have had the move against his redoubtable opponent; but they started with the wrong colours, and the mistake was not discovered until too late. Undoubtedly Mackenzie suffered by this, his opponent being able the more easily to try his hyper-modern wiles on him. Przepiorka *v.* Colle was a very obstinate affair; but the Pole won the Exchange, and, though Colle had two Pawns against this at the adjournment, his position had weaknesses which at length involved him in disaster.

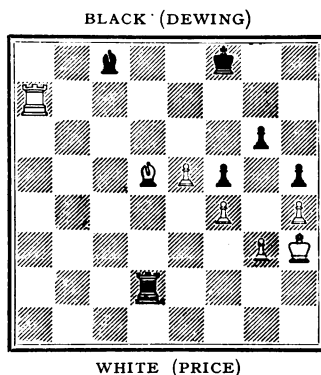
ROUND 2, Section I, December 29th.

	Opening.	Result.
Yates <i>v.</i> Maroczy	<i>French</i>	*Maroczy won (32).
Seitz <i>v.</i> Bolland	<i>Queen's Gambit Declined</i> ..	†Seitz won (64).
L. Steiner <i>v.</i> Michell ..	<i>Ruy Lopez</i>	*Michell won (42).
Price <i>v.</i> Dewing	<i>Ruy Lopez</i>	*Price won (82).
	† Twice adjourned.	

The only game to finish in the morning session was the first of the four above. Yates early gave up a Pawn, and later lost the Exchange. He appeared to be trying to get too much out of the position. Maroczy also made an error, but not so serious; and Yates lost. Steiner's attack against Michell was similarly too impetuous and left him a piece down for a Pawn only, though Michell still had to work hard for a time. Price *v.* Dewing was an extraordinary game, full of vicissitudes. In the end Dewing, with Rook and two Pawns *v.* Rook and Pawn, had no more than a draw; but by an oversight he made it a loss. The remaining game was twice adjourned, Bolland having made an exceedingly good fight all through. In fact, at the

end he had managed to Queen a Pawn, and his opponent had nothing better to do than give perpetual check. Unhappily Bolland then exceeded the time-limit, thinking he had only 64 moves to make instead of 68. It was thought his opponent might have warned him.

We show one position in Price *v.* Dewing. White to make his 53rd move. Can he win? And if not, why not? The position caused much interest at the time.



Section II.

	Opening.	Result.
Tartakover <i>v.</i> Saunders ..	<i>Irregular</i>	Tartakover won (33).
Colle <i>v.</i> Mackenzie	<i>Queen's Pawn</i>	*Mackenzie won (39).
A. Steiner <i>v.</i> Przepiorka ..	<i>French</i>	Steiner (15).
Norman <i>v.</i> Sergeant	<i>Queen's Gambit Declined</i>	Sergeant won (27).

Steiner was the first to score. His opponent introduced a new 8th move and thereafter went to pieces. See game below. Sergeant made little impression upon Norman, until in a critical position he offered the Exchange. Norman accepted and recognised his mistake next move, by resigning. Saunders put up quite a hard fight for a while against Tartakover's somewhat embarrassing opening moves (1 Kt—K B 3, 2 P—B 4, 3 P—Q Kt 3, 4 B—Kt 2, 5 P—Kt 3, 6 B—Kt 2); but the result of complications was that the Londoner's Pawns became extremely ragged, and his game collapsed. Colle *v.* Mackenzie reached the adjournment in a level state, and after resumption Mackenzie offered a draw. Colle refused, and lost, as so often happens.

GAME No. 5,340.

French Defence.

WHITE	BLACK	WHITE	BLACK
A. STEINER	D. PRZEPIORKA	A. STEINER	D. PRZEPIORKA
1 P—K 4	P—K 3	9 Q—Kt 4	Castles
2 P—Q 4	P—Q 4	10 B×P	Q—K 2
3 Kt—Q B 3	Kt—K B 3	11 Kt—K B 3	P—K B 4
4 B—K Kt 5	B—K 2	12 Q—Kt 5	Q—B 2
5 P—K 5	K Kt—Q 2	13 Q—B 1	Kt—R 3
6 B×B	Q×B	14 Kt—Kt 5	Q—Kt 3
7 Kt—Kt 5	Q—Q 1	15 Kt×K P	Resigns
8 P—Q B 4	P×P ?		

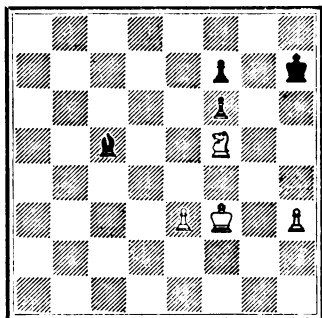
ROUND 3, Section I, December 30th.

	Opening.	Result.
Price v. Maroczy	<i>Ruy Lopez</i>	*Maroczy won (43).
Michell v. Yates	<i>Queen's Gambit Declined</i>	†Drawn (80).
Bolland v. L. Steiner ..	<i>Four Knights</i>	*Bolland won (47).
Dewing v. Seitz	<i>Sicilian</i>	*Seitz won (34).

This being the double-round day of the tournament, it was natural that a certain amount of caution should mark the morning rounds. All through the day, too, the proportion of games in which the board remained crowded was large. In Price v. Maroczy nothing whatever came off until the 25th move. A great positional struggle ensued, in which the Hungarian master gradually built up a win ; and, though the game was adjourned, Price resigned without resuming. This also happened in the case of Dewing v. Seitz. Dewing, being a piece down, rightly decided not to continue.

Michell v. Yates exhibited the full rigour of the Queen's Gambit Declined, with King-side attack for White against Black's Queen-side Pawn majority. On the 26th move Yates engineered a break-through on the Queen's side. He got a passed Pawn, but at the expense of being a Pawn down, in which state the game was resumed on Thursday

BLACK (YATES)



WHITE (MICHELL)

for two sittings. Michell got his Pawn back, but Yates temporarily gained a piece for two Pawns. He had to give back the piece for the two Pawns, and at move 55 the accompanying position was reached.

The question was much debated : Could Michell in any way win ? He tried for another twenty-five moves and then agreed to a draw.

We shall perhaps publish the whole game later.

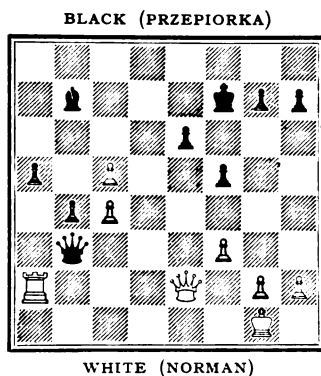
Section II.

Section II.	Opening.	Result.
Sergeant <i>v.</i> Tartakover ..	<i>Sicilian</i>	Sergeant won (30).
Saunders <i>v.</i> Colle	<i>Sicilian</i>	Colle won (33).
Mackenzie <i>v.</i> A. Steiner ..	<i>Queen's Pawn</i>	*Steiner won (77).
Norman <i>v.</i> Przepiorka ..	<i>Queen's Gambit (in effect)</i>	Drawn (42).

The sensation of the morning, in either section, was the defeat of Tartakover by Sergeant. As we are publishing the game in the Games Department, we shall say no more than that it took less than two hours, was the first to finish of the "Premiers," and that Tartakover was prompt to admit his opponent's good play. In Saunders v. Colle the former had at least a level, probably even a superior, opening ; but an error of judgment in the middle game enabled the Belgian champion to turn the tables. Norman v. Przepiorka was a game with an extraordinary conclusion, which we give below. Mackenzie got the better game against Steiner, and indeed at one time had a win. But he gradually drifted into an inferior, and then a losing, position, and the end was long in sight.

In this position Black played
31... P—R 5 and there followed :

32 R—Q 2 P—R 6
33 K—B 2 P—B 5
34 R—Q 7 ch K—B 3
35 R×B Q—K 6 ch
36 Q×Q P×Q ch
37 K×Q P—R 7
38 R—R 7 P—Kt 6
39 P—B 6 P—Kt 7
40 P—B 7 P—R 8 (Q) ?
41 R×Q P×R (Q)
42 P—B 8 (Q), and a draw was
 agreed.



ROUND 4, Section I, December 30th.

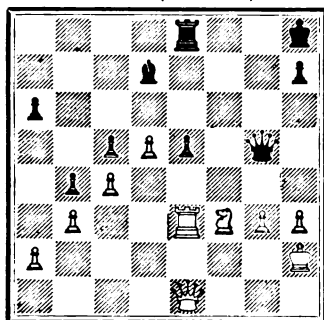
Opening.

Result.

Yates v. Bolland	Ruy Lopez	*Yates won (44).
L. Steiner v. Dewing ..	Queen's Gambit Declined	†Steiner won (74).
Maroczy v. Michell	Ruy Lopez	*Maroczy won (47).
Seitz v. Price	Queen's Gambit Declined	Seitz won (36).

Seitz early obtained a very commanding position on the Queen's Bishop's file with his Queen and two Rooks, and converted his advantage into a comfortable win. Maroczy and Michell had a fine struggle. Michell obtained as good a position as could be hoped for Black in the Ruy Lopez—some thought even a shade of advantage. Maroczy, however, by masterly inactivity tempted him to a premature advance, whereupon he took over the conduct of the game himself and finished it in irreproachable style.

BLACK (MICHELL)



WHITE (MAROCZY)

It being Black's turn to play,
the game proceeded :

39	Q—B 4
40	Kt×P Q×P ch
41	K—Kt 1 R—K Kt 1
42	Kt—B 7 ch K—Kt 2
43	R—K B 3 P—R 3
44	Kt—K 5 R—K 1
45	Q—B 2 B—Kt 5
46	R—B 7 ch K—Kt 1
47	R—Kt 7 ch Resigns

Bolland made a stubborn fight, but always had a little the worst of it. Steiner v. Dewing was not finished till Friday, when both players had no interest in the prize-list. Dewing in the early part played his best game of the tournament, but after the first adjournment became a Pawn down, and Steiner wore him down.

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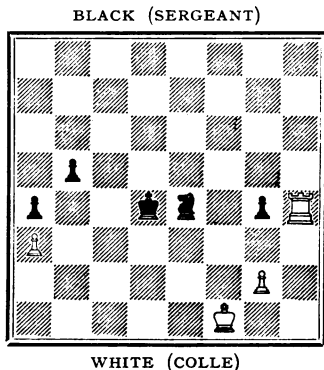
Opening.

Result.

A. Steiner v. Saunders ..	<i>King's Gambit Declined</i>	Saunders won (19).
Colle v. Sergeant	<i>English</i>	*Drawn (68).
Przepiorka v. Mackenzie ..	<i>Queen's Gambit Declined</i>	Przepiorka won (33).
Norman v. Tartakover ..	<i>Dutch</i>	Tartakover won (30).

Steiner seemed upset by Saunders declining his Gambit (1 P—K 4, P—K 4; 2 P—K B 4, B—B 4; 3 Kt—K B 3, P—K 3; 4 P—B 3, Q—K 2) and after 5 B—K 2? was soon in a bad way. Tartakover did not repeat his mistake of the morning by taking his opponent too lightly, as can be seen from the game below. Przepiorka got practically the Pillsbury Attack against Mackenzie, and, though he did not seem to make the most of it, he obtained a winning position by adjournment time, when Mackenzie resigned, mate being imminent. Colle and Sergeant had a game of varying odds. At one time Sergeant had three Pawns for a piece. Then he got two pieces for a Rook, leaving him the Exchange down but three Pawns up. Next he was left with Knight and four Pawns against Rook and two Pawns. Lastly, the position on the diagram arose.

Black played 51... P—Kt 5; 52 P×P, P—R 6; 53 R—R 8, P—R 7, and the game was drawn on the 68th move. Much simpler was 53... K—B 5, winning White's awkward Queen's Knight's Pawn.



ROUND 5, Section I, December 31st.

Opening.

Result.

Michell v. Price	<i>Q.P. (Tchigorin Defence)</i>	Michell won (26).
Bolland v. Maroczy	<i>Ruy Lopez</i>	Maroczy won (33).
Seitz v. L. Steiner	<i>Ruy Lopez</i>	†Seitz won (63).
Dewing v. Yates	<i>Ruy Lopez</i>	†Yates won (101).

Maroczy's game was the first to finish. Bolland, by an error, lost two Pawns, and, though he struggled hard, could not recover. Price got into a curious position against Michell on the 18th move, as will be seen in our Games Department. Seitz v. Steiner had to be adjourned twice and was not finished till Friday evening, when Steiner, who had given up a Knight for two Pawns, found the odds, with all the pieces except the Knight cleared off the board, too heavy, and was forced to give up. Dewing v. Yates, the longest game of the tournament, was not finished till Friday night. We refer to the ending after our remarks on the seventh round.

Section II.

Opening.

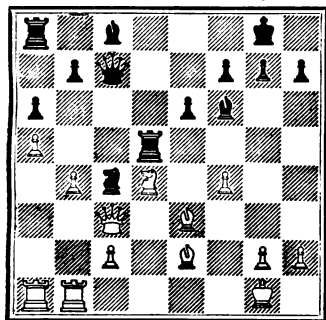
Result.

Tartakover v. Colle	<i>Sicilian</i>	*Tartakover won (52).
Saunders v. Przepiorka ..	<i>Queen's Pawn</i>	*Przepiorka won (54).
Sergeant v. A. Steiner ..	<i>Sicilian</i>	*Drawn (58).
Mackenzie v. Norman ..	<i>Queen's Gambit Declined</i>	*Norman won (37).

Tartakover outplayed his opponent to the extent of securing an end-game in which he had Rook and five Pawns against Rook and four Pawns (two doubled), and after the adjournment made sure of victory. Mackenzie had a good game against Norman and won two Pawns, but somehow lapsed into a bad game and lost a piece, the odds then proving too great for him. There was no particular feature in Saunders v. Przepiorka until the ending, when the Polish master managed to leave himself two united Pawns on the Queen's side against two isolated Pawns, there being also two Rooks and four more Pawns a-side. Out of this he eventually secured a win, though it does not seem that he should have been able to do so but for a mistake by Saunders.

The most interesting game this round was Sergeant v. Steiner, which we give near the point where Sergeant surrendered his Queen for three minor pieces.

BLACK (A. STEINER)



WHITE (SERGEANT)

The game proceeded :—

20 B×Kt P—K 4
21 P×P B×P

22 Q—Q 3 B—B 4
23 Kt×B R×Q
24 P×R Q—Q 2
25 Kt—Kt 3 R—K 1
26 B—B 5 B×R
27 R×B K—R 1
28 R—K B 1 P—B 3
29 Kt—K 4 P—K R 3
30 Kt—Q 6 R—K 7
31 B—Q 5 R—Q 7
32 R—K 1 K—R 2
33 B—K 4 ch P—Kt 3
34 Kt×P P—B 4
35 B—B 3 Q×P
36 Kt—Q 6 R—Q B 7
37 K—R 1 R×B
38 P×R Q—B 6
39 R—Q 1 Q×B P

Play continued very intricate and ultimately ended in a draw.

ROUND 6, Section I, January 1st.

Opening.

Result.

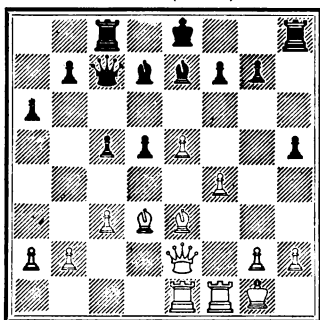
Micheli v. Bolland	<i>Ruy Lopez</i>	*Drawn (58).
Maroczy v. Dewing	<i>Four Knights</i>	*Maroczy won (38).
Yates v. Seitz	<i>Sicilian</i>	*Yates won (48).
Price v. L. Steiner	<i>Ruy Lopez</i>	Steiner won (27).

Steiner was the first to win in either section, finishing his game in less than three hours. He sacrificed a Bishop for King's Knight's Pawn and thereby threatened mate on the move, which could only be saved at the price of mate in two ! It must be explained, however,

that Price, in allowing this, had previously touched his King instead of his Queen. Yates v. Seitz (of which we give the most interesting part below) went over the adjournment, but Yates had even then a won game, and Seitz might well have resigned soon after. Maroczy had won a Pawn against Dewing by the end of the first hour on either side, and at adjournment time had a won game, which Dewing resigned shortly after resuming. In Michell v. Bolland the latter exhibited again the sterling fighting qualities he has shown during this tournament, but before the adjournment Michell had won a Pawn and got up a strong attack in addition ; but Bolland stuck to his guns, kept off the attack, won back a Pawn, and drew.

The position of the leaders at the end of the day was by no means decided in this section, owing to the large number of adjourned games Maroczy was up to date with 6 ; Yates and Seitz were $3\frac{1}{2}$, with one unfinished ; and Michell 3, with one unfinished.

BLACK (SEITZ)



WHITE (YATES)

17 P—B 5 Q×P
18 Q—K B 3 Castles
19 B—K Kt 5 Q×R
20 R×Q B×B
21 Q—B 3 K R—K 1
22 R×R ch R×R

23 Q×R P B—K 6 ch
24 K—B 1 P—B 5
25 B—B 2 P—Q 5
26 P×P P—B 6
27 P—Q R 4 B×Q P
28 P×P B—K B 3
29 P—Kt 4 B×Q B P
30 B—Kt 5 R—K 8 ch
31 K—B 2 R—Q B 8
32 B—Kt 3 B—Q 5 ch
33 K—K 2 B—K 1
34 P—Kt 6 R—B 2
35 Q—R 7 ch K—B 1
36 Q—R 8 ch K—K 2
37 Q—R 4 ch B—B 3
38 Q—Kt 4 ch K—Q 1
39 Q—Q 6 ch R—Q 7
40 Q×B ch R—K 7 ch
41 K—B 2 P×Q
42 P—Kt 7 and wins.

Section II.

	Opening.	Result.
A. Steiner v. Tartakover ..	<i>Sicilian</i>	Drawn (36).
Przepiorka v. Sergeant ..	<i>Queen's Gambit Declined</i> ..	Przepiorka won (41).
Mackenzie v. Saunders ..	<i>Q.P. (Tchigorin Defence)</i> ..	*Saunders won (38).
Norman v. Colle	<i>Queen's Pawn</i>	*Colle won (75).

Sergeant, feeling perhaps the strain of previous hard play, showed up disappointingly against Przepiorka, and without grave blunder got a bad game. In the ending he lost first one Pawn and then a second, and resigned at the right moment. Steiner and Tartakover, with the opening moves 1 P—K 4, P—Q B 4 ; 2 P—K Kt 3, P—K Kt 3 ; 3 B—Kt 2, B—Kt 2, got a very modern kind of game but not of the most interesting modern type—and worked up a rather expected draw. Saunders against Mackenzie's Tchigorin Defence (Kt—K B 3 and P—Q 3) got a good game early, penetrated behind

his opponent's lines with Bishop and Knight, captured a Pawn, then another, and won comfortably. Colle played one of the "Tchigorin Defences" to the Queen's Pawn Game, *viz.*, 1 P—Q 4, P—Q 4; 2 Kt—K B 3, Kt—Q B 3; 3 P—K 3, B—Kt 5, and a long game ensued. On his 55th move Colle sacrificed a piece, getting a won game. He nearly threw it away, but, as he said, "had his luck for the New Year," and won after all.

In this section, unlike the other, the situation was clear at the end of the day, the leading scores being: Tartakover and Przepiorka, 4½ each; Steiner, 4; and Sergeant, 3½.

ROUND 7, Section I, January 2nd.

	Opening.	Result.
Seitz <i>v.</i> Maroczy	<i>French</i>	Drawn (23).
L. Steiner <i>v.</i> Yates	<i>Q.P. (Tchigorin Defence)</i>	*Yates won (41).
Bolland <i>v.</i> Price	<i>Sicilian</i>	*Price won (72).
Dewing <i>v.</i> Michell	<i>Ruy Lopez</i>	*Michell won (50).

Seitz *v.* Maroczy was the conventional draw that might have been expected from the state of the score, the Hungarian having no cause to exert himself with 6 points in hand, and a half against such a foe being welcome to Seitz—as well as a rest before his adjourned game with Steiner. Yates played a forcible game against Steiner, which we give below, and rendered his chances of even second place rosy. Bolland got the better of the opening and on his 22nd move was emboldened to give up a Knight for two of Price's King-side Pawns. He seemed justified, for he got the Knight back, still retaining the attack. Then possibly he did not select the best line, but nevertheless got Price's King right across the centre of the board and soon was a piece up for two Bishops. Unfortunately in the end-game he went wrong, with the result that Price won. Dewing and Michell cleared all the Queen-side Pawns off, except Michell's Queen's Pawn. Michell became first one Pawn and then two Pawns up, with a very cramped position. As soon as he was able to develop this, however, the result was beyond doubt.

GAME NO. 5,341.

Q.P. (Tchigorin Defence).

WHITE		BLACK	
L. STEINER	F. D. YATES	L. STEINER	F. D. YATES
1 P—Q 4	Kt—K B 3	13 Q—Q 2	B—Q R 3
2 Kt—K B 3	P—K Kt 3	14 R—Q B 1	Kt—B 4
3 P—Q B 4	B—Kt 2	15 K—B 1	B—B 1
4 Kt—B 3	P—Q 3	16 B—R 6	Q—B 3
5 P—K 4	Kt—B 3	17 K—K 2	B×B
6 B—K 2	Castles	18 Q×B	Q—K 2
7 P—K R 3	Kt—Q 2	19 Q—K 3	K—R 1
8 P—K Kt 4	P—K 4	20 Q R—K Kt 1	B—Q 2
9 P—Q 5	Kt—Q 5	21 Kt—B 1	P—Q Kt 4
10 B—K 3	Kt×B	22 P—K R 4	P×B P
11 Kt×Kt	P—Q R 4	23 P—R 5	Kt—Q 6
12 Kt—Kt 3	P—Kt 3	24 P×P	Kt—B 5 ch

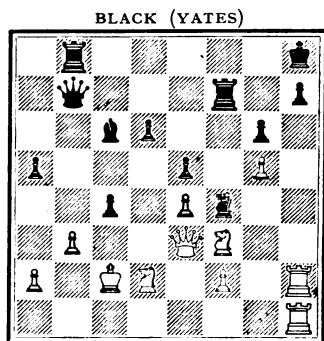
25 K—Q 2 P×P
 26 R—R 2 Q—B 3
 27 Q R—R 1 R—B 2
 28 P—Kt 5 Q—K 2
 29 K—B 3 P—B 3
 30 P×P B×P
 31 Kt (B 1)—Q 2 Q—Kt 2
 32 K—B 2 R—Q Kt 1
 33 P—Kt 3 P×P ch

(See Diagram)

34 P×P P—R 5
 35 K—Kt 2 Q—Kt 4
 36 Kt—R 4 P×P
 37 R—R 1 R—R 1
 38 R×R B×R
 39 Q—Q B 3 Q—R 3
 40 K×P R—Kt 2 ch

41 K—B 2 Q—R 5 ch
 42 Resigns

Position after 33 P—Kt 3.



Section II.		Opening.	Result.
Tartakover v. Przepiorka..	Zukertort's	.. ..	*Drawn (74).
Sergeant v. Mackenzie ..	Ruy Lopez	.. ..	Sergeant won (20).
Colle v. A. Steiner ..	English	.. ..	*Steiner won (52).
Norman v. Saunders..	Caro-Kann	.. ..	*Norman won (51).

Sergeant v. Mackenzie only lasted about an hour and a half, Mackenzie making a blunder. Norman fairly early against Saunders won a Pawn. Saunders got it back, lost it again, and at the adjournment had a bad game, which eventually became a loss. Colle v. Steiner for long appeared level; but Colle, with eight moves to make in three minutes at the end of his second hour, got into trouble from which he could not recover. Tartakover v. Przepiorka opened : 1 Kt—K B 3, Kt—K B 3; 2 P—Q B 4, P—Q B 3; 3 P—Q Kt 3, P—Q 4; 4 B—Kt 2, B—B 4. It was soon seen that neither player was going to be content with a friendly draw, which might let Steiner up to equality with them. Indeed they fought a hard positional game with great pertinacity—while keeping an eye on Steiner's progress. When he had won, it was obviously bad policy for either to risk losing, so that a draw was a quite legitimate result.

GAME No. 5,342.

Ruy Lopez.

WHITE		BLACK	
E. G. SERGEANT	A. J. MACKENZIE	E. G. SERGEANT	A. J. MACKENZIE
1 P—K 4	P—K 4	11 Q×B	P×P
2 Kt—K B 3	Kt—Q B 3	12 R—Q 1	B—Q 3
3 B—Kt 5	P—Q R 3	13 B—Kt 5	Castles
4 B—R 4	Kt—B 3	14 Kt—B 3	P—B 3
5 Castles	P—Q 3	15 Kt—K 2	Q—K 2
6 R—K 1	P—Q Kt 4	16 Kt—Kt 3	Q—K 3
7 B—Kt 3	Kt—Q R 4	17 B×Kt	P×B
8 P—Q 4	Kt×B	18 Kt—B 5	K R—Q 1
9 R P×Kt	B—Kt 5	19 Q—Kt 4 ch	K—B 1
10 P×P	B×Kt	20 R×B	Resigns

As a matter of fact, the round-by-round record does not represent the exciting nature of the finish in both sections, as it gives the results in many cases on the day on which they did not occur! The exact position at 5-30 p.m. on Friday was:—

Section I.—Maroczy first, with $6\frac{1}{2}$; Seitz, finished, 5; Yates, $4\frac{1}{2}$ with a game to finish with Dewing; Michell, 3, with games to finish with Dewing and Bolland.

Section II.—Tartakover and Przepiorka, $4\frac{1}{2}$ each, still playing one another; Sergeant, finished, $4\frac{1}{2}$; A. Steiner, 4, finishing a game with Colle. But five minutes after the half-hour Steiner had beaten Colle, so that if Tartakover and Przepiorka agreed to draw, they would both only tie with him.

In Section I Michell disposed of Dewing, but could only draw with Bolland. Yates, taking on Dewing after the latter had played Michell, at the third sitting brought about a book-ending Rook and Pawn *v.* Rook, in which the superior forces win. Thus he gained second place in the section with a score of $5\frac{1}{2}$, Seitz being third with 5.

As has already been said, Tartakover and Przepiorka could only draw, which produced a triple tie in Section II. There was no time to play the tie off, and the players being willing to leave the arrangement of the pairing to the Committee (the financial aspect of the prize distribution being duly attended to), the Committee settled the pairs for the next day. Where one player had had four Blacks during the week he was given White; where both had, the decision was by lot.

SECTION I.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	T'l.	Prizes.
1 G. Maroczy	—	I	$\frac{1}{2}$	I	I	I	I	I	$6\frac{1}{2}$	I
2 F. D. Yates	0	—	I	$\frac{1}{2}$	I	I	I	I	$5\frac{1}{2}$	II
3 A. Seitz	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	—	$\frac{1}{2}$	I*	I	I	I	5	III
4 R. P. Michell	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	—	$\frac{1}{2}$	I	I	I	$4\frac{1}{2}$	
5 Capt. P. D. Bolland ..	0	0	0*	$\frac{1}{2}$	—	0	I	I	$2\frac{1}{2}$	
6 H. E. Price	0	0	0	0	I	—	0	I	2	
7 L. Steiner	0	0	0	0	0	I	—	I	2	
8 L. C. G. Dewing ..	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	—	0	

*=On time-limit.

SECTION II.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	T'l.	Prizes.
1 D. Przepiorka	—	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	I	I	$\frac{1}{2}$	I	I	5	} I/III
2 A. Steiner	I	—	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	I	I	0	I	5	
3 S. Tartakover	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	—	0	I	I	I	I	$5\frac{1}{2}$	
4 E. G. Sergeant	0	0	I	—	$\frac{1}{2}$	I	$\frac{1}{2}$	I	$4\frac{1}{2}$	
5 A. Colle	0	0	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	—	I	I	0	2	
6 H. Norman	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	0	0	0	—	I	I	$2\frac{1}{2}$	
7 H. Saunders	0	0	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	0	—	I	$2\frac{1}{2}$	
8 A. J. Mackenzie ..	0	0	0	0	I	0	0	—	I	

FINAL ROUND, January 3rd.

Opening.		Result.
Maroczy v. Tartakover ..	Alekhine's Defence ..	Drawn (23).
A. Steiner v. Yates ..	Zukertort's ..	Yates won (20).
Przepiorka v. Seitz ..	Queen's Gambit Declined	Przepiorka won (26).

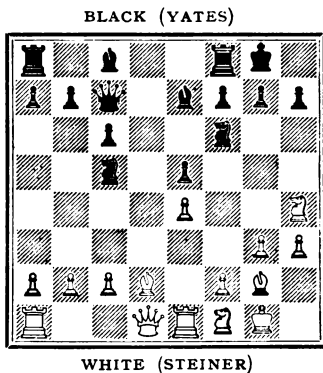
The first game was of a conventional character and presented no particular points of interest. The other two, on the contrary, were fine efforts on the part of Yates and Przepiorka, and showed that neither of these players had been exhausted by a week's hard chess. We give one below and the other in the Games Department.

GAME No. 5,343.

Zukertort's Opening.

WHITE		BLACK	
A. STEINER.		F. D. YATES.	
1 Kt—K B 3	P—Q 4	19 Kt—R 6 ch	P×Kt
2 P—K Kt 3	Kt—K B 3	20 Q×Kt	B—Kt 2
3 B—Kt 2	P—K 3	21 Resigns	
4 Castles	B—Q 3		
5 P—Q 3	P—Q B 3		
6 Q Kt—Q 2	Castles		
7 P—K 4	Q Kt—Q 2		
8 R—K 1	P—K 4		
9 Kt—B 1	P×P		
10 P×P	Kt—B 4		
11 Kt—R 4	B—K 2		
12 B—Q 2	Q—B 2		
13 P—K R 3	K R—Q 1		
(See diagram).			
14 Q—B 3	Kt—K 3		
15 Kt—B 5	B—B 1		
16 P—B 3	P—Q Kt 3		
17 Q R—Q 1	B—R 3		
18 Kt (B 1)—K 3	Kt—Kt 4		

Position after 13 P—K R 3.



PREMIER RESERVES.

In the first round Opocenski and Drewitt met, and after they had drawn it was hoped that there might be a good race for first prize between these two. As a matter of fact, however, there was no such race. Opocenski won his remaining six games, whereas Drewitt dropped half in the third round, another half in the fifth, and a whole point in the sixth, when Jesty passed into second place. It then looked as if, while Opocenski must be first, Jesty would be second and either Drewitt or Macalister third—Jesty being 4, Drewitt 3½, and Macalister 2½, with an adjourned game. But Macalister drew his adjourned game and beat Jesty in the final round, Drewitt halved the points in his last game, and so there came about a triple tie for second and third prizes. As time was so short, a division of the prizes was agreed to.

The Czecho-Slovakian master had an easy run ; but we cannot help feeling that Drewitt could have pressed him much more closely, had he had a mind to. It was, perhaps, unfortunate that they met in the first round. Jesty and Macalister played some good chess, as also did Dr. Rutherford.

Table :—

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	T'l.	Prizes.
1 C. Opocensky	—	$\frac{1}{2}$	I	I	I	I	I	I	6 $\frac{1}{2}$	I
2 J. A. J. Drewitt	$\frac{1}{2}$	—	I	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	I	I	4	II
3 E. T. Jesty	0	0	—	0	I	I	I	I	4	III
4 J. Macalister	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	I	—	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	I	I	4	
5 Dr. V. H. Rutherford	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	I	—	—	I	$\frac{1}{2}$	3 $\frac{1}{2}$	
6 P. C. Littlejohn	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	—	0	I	2 $\frac{1}{2}$	
7 R. E. Lean	0	0	0	0	0	I	—	I	2	
8 G. Wright	0	I	0	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	0	—	$\frac{1}{2}$	

We give one of the winner's games :—

GAME NO. 5.344.

Caro-Kann.

WHITE		BLACK		WHITE		BLACK	
E. T. JESTY		C. OPOCENSKY		E. T. JESTY		C. OPOCENSKY	
1 P—K 4		P—Q B 3		12 Q—B 4		Q—B 3	
2 P—Q 4		P—Q 4		13 P—K Kt 4		Kt—R 5	
3 P—K 5		B—B 4		14 Q—Kt 3		B—K 2	
4 B—Q 3		B×B		15 P×P		P—K R 4	
5 Q×B		P—K 3		16 P—Kt 4		P×P	
6 Kt—K 2		Q—R 4 ch		17 Kt—Q 4		Kt—B 6 ch	
7 Q Kt—B 3		Q—R 3		18 Q×Kt		P×Q	
8 Q—R 3		Kt—Q 2		19 Kt×Q		P×Kt	
9 Castles		P—Q B 4		20 B—B 4		R—R 5	
10 Q—Kt 3		Kt—K 2		21 B—Q 2		R×Kt P	
11 R—K 1		Kt—B 4		22 Kt×P		R—Kt 5 ch	
				Resigns			

FIRST CLASS.

In Section I Packer walked right away from the start and dropped nothing until the last round, when Joyce defeated him—the first prize then being safely his. Miss Price and Howell-Smith had a good race for second place, the lady champion gaining it by half a point.

In Section II MacLean, as might have been expected of the old Cambridge University player, rather outclassed the rest. He had however, a narrow escape against Miss Menchik in the second round ; and in the last round he was content to draw with King. The last-named won his first three games, but scored nothing further till the 6th round. Miss Menchik, who, though inconsistent, played some very good chess, passed King in the 5th round and secured second prize.

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SECTION I.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	T'l.	Prizes.
1 G. F. H. Packer ..	—	I	I	I	O	I	I	I	6	I
2 Miss Price	O	—	O	I	I	I	I	I	5	II
3 S. G. Howell-Smith ..	O	I	—	$\frac{1}{2}$	I	O	I	I	$4\frac{1}{2}$	III
4 H. W. W. Hore ..	O	O	$\frac{1}{2}$	—	$\frac{1}{2}$	I	I	I	4	
5 F. A. Joyce	I	O	O	$\frac{1}{2}$	—	—	O	I	3	
6 F. Wilkinson	O	O	I	O	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	I	3	
7 W. A. Winser	O	O	O	O	I	$\frac{1}{2}$	—	$\frac{1}{2}$	2	
8 E. J. Scrimgeour ..	O	O	O	O	O	O	$\frac{1}{2}$	—	$\frac{1}{2}$	

SECTION II.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	T'l.	Prizes.
1 L. McLean	—	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	I	I	I	I	I	6	I
2 Miss Menchik	$\frac{1}{2}$	—	I	$\frac{1}{2}$	O	I	I	I	5	II
3 W. H. King	$\frac{1}{2}$	O	—	O	I	$\frac{1}{2}$	I	I	4	III
4 A. D. Barlow	O	$\frac{1}{2}$	I	—	O	I	I	O	$3\frac{1}{2}$	
5 Com. R. D. Graham ..	O	I	O	I	—	O	I	O	3	
6 R. H. Brown	O	O	$\frac{1}{2}$	O	I	—	O	I	$2\frac{1}{2}$	
7 Major E. M. Jones ..	O	O	O	O	O	I	—	I	2	
8 Mrs. Stevenson	O	O	O	I	I	O	O	—	2	

In the play-off between the two sections on Saturday, Packer beat McLean, Miss Price and Miss Menchik drew, and Howell-Smith and King drew. We give a specimen of Miss Menchik's play :—

GAME No. 5,345.

Queen's Gambit Declined.

WHITE	BLACK	WHITE	BLACK
W. H. KING	Miss MENCHIK	W. H. KING	Miss MENCHIK
1 P—Q 4	P—Q 4	17 Kt—B 5	Kt—Kt 5
2 P—Q B 4	P—Q B 3	18 P—B 4	Q—K 2
3 P—K 3	Kt—B 3	19 Q R—K I	K R—K I
4 Q Kt—B 3	Q Kt—Q 2	20 P—R 3	Kt—R 3
5 Q—B 2	P—K Kt 3	21 B—B 3	B×B
6 B—Q 2	B—Kt 2	22 Q×B	Q—Q 3
7 P×P	Kt×P	23 P—K 4	P×P
8 Kt×Kt	P×Kt	24 Kt×K P	Q—Kt 3 ch
9 Kt—K 2	Castles	25 K—R I	R—K 3
10 Kt—B 3	Kt—B 3	26 Kt—B 6 ch	R×Kt
11 B—Q 3	P—Q R 3	27 R—K 8 ch	K—Kt 2
12 Castles K R	P—Q Kt 4	28 P—Kt 4?	B—Kt 2 ch
13 P—Q Kt 4	Q—Q 3	29 K—R 2	R×R
14 P—Q R 4	P×P	30 P—Kt 5	Q—B 3
15 Kt×P	P—K 4	31 Q×R ch	Q×Q
16 P×P	Q×K P	32 P×Q ch	K×P

Resigns

FIRST CLASS RESERVES, Section I.—S. P. Lees and H. Ward, $5\frac{1}{2}$ each; Mrs. Sollas and J. H. Wise, 4 each; E. Atkinson, 3; W. D. Wyght, $2\frac{1}{2}$; Miss Abraham, 2; T. Moody, $1\frac{1}{2}$. Section II.—Dr. E. H.

Smith, 5½; L. Toth, 5; Captain A. E. Dickinson and W. G. Watson, 4 each; Mrs. R. P. Michell, 3½; H. M. Paulet, 2½; Hon. F. G. Hamilton-Russell, 2; F. A. Riley, 1½. In the play-off Dr. Smith beat Ward, Toth (a Hungarian amateur) beat Lees, Watson beat Mrs. Sollas.

The following game with a pretty finish was played in Section II :—

GAME No. 5,346.

Centre Counter.

WHITE		BLACK		WHITE		BLACK	
H. WARD		Dr. E. H. SMITH		H. WARD		Dr. E. H. SMITH	
1 P—K 4		P—Q 4		23 Kt—B 3		P×P	
2 P×P		Q×P		24 Kt×P		Kt—Kt 5	
3 Kt—Q B 3		Q—R 4		25 Kt—B 3		Q—Kt 3	
4 P—Q 4		Kt—K B 3		26 P—B 4		Kt—B 2	
5 B—Q 2		P—B 3		27 Q—Kt 4		Kt—B 3	
6 B—B 4		B—B 4		28 Kt—K 5		Kt×B	
7 Kt—K B 3		P—K 3		29 P×Kt		R—Q 4	
8 Kt—Q 5		Q—Q 1		30 P—Q R 4		Q—Q 5	
9 Kt—K 3		B—Kt 3		31 P—B 4		Q×Kt P	
10 P—B 3		B—Q 3		32 R—B 1		Q—K 7	
11 B—K 2		Kt—Q 2		33 Q—R 4		R—B 2	
12 Kt—B 4		B—B 2		34 Q R—K 1		Q—Q B 7	
13 Q—B 1		Castles		35 R—R 1		R—Q 7	
14 B—B 4		B×B		36 Q—R 3		Kt—K 5	
15 Q×B		Kt—Kt 3		37 Q—K 3		R×P	
16 Kt—B 3		Kt—Q 4		38 Kt—B 3		R—B 4	
17 Q—B 1		R—K 1		39 R—Q B 1		Kt—Kt 6	
18 Castles		Q—B 2		40 P×Kt		R—R 4	
19 K—R 1		R—Q 1		41 Kt—R 4		R×Kt	
20 Kt×B		R P×Kt		42 P×R		R—R 7	
21 Kt—K 5		P—B 4		43 K—Kt 1		Q mates	
22 B—Kt 5		R—K 2					

SECOND CLASS, Section I.—R. D. Gillon-Fergusson, 5½; W. Stevens, 5; A. S. Kidney and A. H. Reeve, 4½ each; Professor R. W. Genese, 3½; A. H. Hart, 3; W. E. Leffler, 2; H. J. Ewart, 0. Section II.—P. A. Ursell, 6; R. H. Blomfield and Miss Musgrave, 4½ each; Captain H. G. McMullon, 3½; A. Mortlock, 3; A. Kirby and P. L. Jones, 2½ each; W. J. Baumgartner, 1½. In the play-off Gillon-Fergusson beat Ursell, Miss Musgrave beat Stevens, Reeve drew with Blomfield.

THIRD CLASS, Section I.—V. Coates, 8; Mrs. Chase and J. E. Coleman, 6½ each; H. S. Shelton, 6; W. A. Boutcher, 5; Rev. W. Harvey, 4; A. E. Grey, 3½; Mrs. Ayris, 3; D. R. Mitchell, 1½; Miss Jennings, 1. Section II.—H. N. Collins, 8; L. S. Hanson-Powter, 7; L. G. Norman, 6½; W. F. Freeman, 6; A. Deitz, 5; Miss Rogers, 4½; G. Shoesmith, 4; W. Harvey, 2½; D. W. Riley, 1½; Miss Watson, 0. There was no play-off for the prizes in these sections.

The prize-distribution took place in the Council Chamber at 4 p.m. on Saturday, January 3rd, the Mayor of Hastings presiding, and Lady Margaret Hamilton-Russell making the presentations to the fortunate winners.

There were only two extra events during the week. On Monday afternoon there was a lightning tournament of 28 players, in which the four prizes were won by Tartakover, Przepiorka, Opocenski and A. Steiner respectively. On Friday night Tartakover gave a simultaneous exhibition against 19 opponents, defeating 18 and drawing with one.

On Wednesday morning, December 31st, play was interrupted for a few moments, in order that Mr. Dobell should make a presentation to Mr. Burn of an album containing the signatures of the town officials, the committee, the players, and the visitors, and conveying the heartiest congratulations to the great English master on his attainment of his 76th birthday. The very warm applause showed that Mr. Dobell's words in presenting the album were echoed by all.

Once more we must congratulate Hastings and the Congress sub-committee—on this occasion, Messrs. Dobell, Wickham Hore, Jackson, Kirkpatrick, Lewcock, Packer and Norman (hon. secretary)—on a splendidly managed chess festival.

REVIEWS.

We have received three more books from the press of the indefatigable Bernhard Kagan, Behrenstrasse 24, Berlin, W.8. We cordially applaud the publisher's success in producing brochures on special openings at a reasonable price, and we might hope that his example be followed by English publishers.

Theoretische Abhandlung über die Italiensche Partie, by Anton Ritzen. Paper covers, pp. 40. Price 2 marks.

We were considerably intrigued by the author's introductory annotations: 1 P—K 4, P—K 4; 2 Kt—K B 3, Kt—Q B 3; 3 B—B 4, B—B 4?; 4 P—B 3! and wins. He goes far towards substantiating his ambitious claim, and presumably Black should seek refuge in the Two Knights' Defence by the substitution of Kt—B 3 for B—B 4 on his third move.

This work, arranged in the tabular form familiarised by the German *Handbuch*, to which it may be regarded as an addendum, quotes many important games played since 1913, and embodies the result of much valuable original research by the author:

We were surprised to find that he has overlooked two important variations for Black. In the first, arising from 1 P—K 4, P—K 4; 2 Kt—K B 3, Kt—Q B 3; 3 B—B 4, B—B 4; 4 P—B 3, Kt—B 3; 5 P—Q 4, P×P; 6 P×P, B—Kt 5 ch; 7 Kt—B 3, Kt×K P; 8 Castles, B×Kt; 9 P—Q 5!, B—B 3; 10 R—K 1, Kt—K 2; 11 R×Kt, Castles; 12 P—Q 6, P×P; 13 Q×P, Kt—B 4; 14 Q—Q 5, he only gives 14.., P—Q 3, resulting in White's favour, whereas

the latest edition of the Swedish *Lärobok*, published in 1921, shows that Black may force a draw by repetition of moves by 14..., Kt—K 2; 15 Q—Q 6, Kt—B 4 etc. In the second, he has taken no account of Bernstein's interesting line, diverging from the above with 8..., Kt×Kt; 9 P×Kt, B×P; 10 Q—Kt 3, P—Q 4! against which White finds it difficult to obtain an advantage.

We have never found a satisfactory treatment of the difficult 4..., P—Q 3 defence in any continental work, and Herr Ritzen's book cannot be said to fill this want in any way. We suggest that he might profitably substitute some more examples of this line for the superfluous variations dealing with the bad defence 4..., Q—B 3.

The book is well printed and free from mistakes, and is to be recommended to those players who still practise the open game in these degenerate days. We hope that the small defects referred to will be corrected in a future edition.

Indische (Aus der Werkstatt einer Eröffnung), by Dr. S. G. Tartakover. Paper covers, pp. 60. Price 2 marks.

Any work by Tartakover, the Johnny Briggs of the chess world, is certain to make entertaining reading, and to provide much food for thought. In the present book the author gives nine illustrative games dealing with all variations arising from 1 P—Q 4, Kt—K B 3 other than those which revert to the Queen's Gambit.

No less than twenty-two pages are devoted to the King's Fianchetto Defence, and Hans Müller's summary of the opening in *Tidskrift för Schach*, 1923, is reproduced in full. The book is fully up to date, and quotes many games from the New York Tournament and the recent Hungarian Tournament at Györ in August last.

We must cavil at the unmethodical method of giving notes adopted by Tartakover, with its minor variations enclosed in brackets within brackets within brackets, reminding us of awe-inspiring algebraical expressions encountered in our youth, and taking quite as long to disentangle.

Tartakover makes some important suggestions in several lines of play, and the book should be of great service to everyone wishing to become acquainted with the latest theoretical developments in the Queen's Pawn Game.

Die moderne Ablehnung des Königsgambits durch d7—d5, by Dr. A. v. Claparède. Paper covers, pp. 15. Price 0.50 marks.

The famous analyst, Dr. v. Claparède has devoted considerable time, while on a visit to the Argentine, to an original analysis of the Falkbeer Counter Gambit, which he works out in favour of Black. It may be asked, why should Black decline the King's Gambit when he has nothing to fear by accepting it? It is interesting to compare the views expressed by Dr. v. Claparède and by Dr. Tartakover in *Die Hypermoderne Schachpartie*, which are frequently strikingly at variance.

The book is excellently printed on good paper, the variations are very easy to follow (in contradistinction to Tartakover's *Indische*), and it is fine value for the money.

THE LONDON CHRISTMAS CHESS CONGRESS.

This Congress was opened punctually at 10 a.m., on Monday, December 29th, by Major R. W. Barnett, M.P., who said that his text at the opening of the last Congress, "Safety First," was, like many a sermon, misunderstood. He was not an advocate of stolid play as against brilliancy, but soundness was not incompatible with brilliancy. He objected very strongly to those dull games which were simply a process of attrition. The ultra-modern idea was to mix it as in Boxing and try for a knock-out blow. As the small boy said to his sister when asked for the core of the apple, they maintain there won't be any end game.

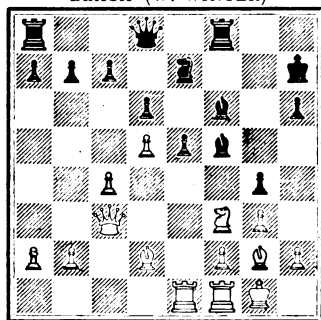
He hoped that many brilliant games would be played during the Congress, which he declared open.

The Vicar of St. Bride's, who thanked Major Barnett and also welcomed the players, said he was pleased to see the gathering of such profound intellects, and felt that distinction had been given to the Institute by the presence of such a gathering, which he hoped would be still more successful than in 1924.

The entry for the Premier Tournament was better than the previous year, including as it did, J. H. Blake, the President of the League, the two leaders of last year's Tournament, L. Savage and W. H. Watts, W. Winter who is again taking up the game, and Mrs. Holloway, an ex Lady Champion. J. H. Morrison, of Liverpool, took the place of R. C. Griffith who wished to retire owing to the illness of his youngest son.

We have not space to criticise the games round by round, but must content ourselves with a general review. In the Major Tournament, there was much in and out form, and leaders continually passed and repassed one another, but the play generally was not up to the standard we should have expected from the players taking part. J. H. Blake admitted he was quite out of form and found it difficult to concentrate. Against Birnberg, whose success came as a surprise, except to his fellow members of the Metropolitan C.C., he played 1 P—K 4, P—K 4; 2 Kt—Q B 3, P—Q 3; 3 P—B 4?, P×P and was never able to regain the Gambit Pawn; with Winter, he played some weak moves in the middle game, getting his pieces jammed in

BLACK (W. WINTER)



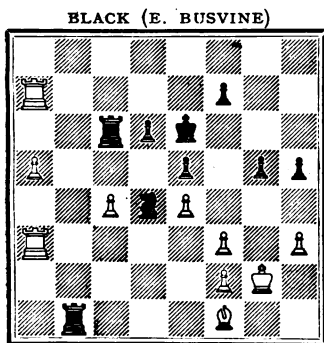
WHITE (J. H. BLAKE)

the centre of the board. The adjoined position on Black's 17th move, P—Kt 5 enabled Winter to end neatly. Continued:

18 Kt—R 4	B×Kt
19 P×B	Kt—Kt 3
20 P—R 5	Kt—B 5
21 P—B 3	Kt×B
22 K×Kt	Q—R 5
23 P—B 4	Q×R P
24 P×P	P—Kt 6!
25 P×P	B—R 6 ch

and wins.

Birnberg caught Mrs. Holloway and Busvine in clever traps, tempting them to go for Pawns; he should, however, have lost to Morrison. Winter probably played the soundest chess throughout, but against Ewbank he played Alekhine's Defence, 1 P—K 4, Kt—K B 3; 2 P—K 5, Kt—Q 4; 3 P—Q 4, P—Q B 4? and got into a hopeless mess. Ewbank played this game, and several others in the good form he showed in the Varsity match of 1920, but failed badly in the last round. In his game v. Mrs. Holloway, he played his unprotected Queen next to her King saying check, and Mrs. Holloway moved her King, whereas she might have taken the Queen for nothing! Savage was not playing nearly as well as last year, and Watts was very careless, especially in the end-game. J. H. Morrison was a disappointment. He drew with Blake by steady end-game play, but Blake missed a win on two or three occasions; he should have beaten Birnberg. Mrs. Holloway played well for three-quarters of the game, but just failed to bring off several fine attacking chances. Winter admitted he had at one time a lost game against her. Blake lost a piece for a Pawn by an oversight, but later she lost the piece for nothing. Busvine began well, and played excellently v. Blake, but later he got careless, and failed to concentrate. He nearly brought off a surprise victory against Morrison in the following position.



WHITE (J. H. MORRISON)

Black continued:

1 ... Kt—Kt 4
2 P×Kt R (B 3)—B 8

3 B—B 4 ch K—B 3 (a)
4 R×P ch K—Kt 3
5 P—B 4 (b) R—Kt 8 ch
6 K—B 3 P—Kt 5 ch
7 P×P P×P ch
8 K—K 2 R(K Kt 8)—K 8 ch
9 K Q 2 R (K 8) Q 8 ch
10 K—K 3 R—K 8 ch
11 B—K 2 K×R (c)
12 P—R 6 R—Kt 7
13 P—R 7 R (K 8)×B ch
14 K—Q 3 R (Kt 7)—B 7
15 R—B 3! and wins.

(a) An alternative is R×B.

(b) To give the White King an escape square.

(c) It appears that R—Kt 7 might win.

We will give a copy of the new edition of *Modern Chess Openings* to the best analysis of this position at the point reached on White's 11th move by any solver.

A player who can conceive such combinations cannot be despised, as Blake discovered in a county match last year.

Costigan, like Mrs. Holloway, was weak in the endings, and late middle game. He quite needlessly allowed Birnberg to establish a Knight at K B 5 on the last day, when he had still retained the advantage of the move, and met the oncoming King's side attack in a half-hearted manner, with the inevitable result. On Friday,

after the penultimate round any one of five might have won. The scores were: Birnberg, $5\frac{1}{2}$, with game *v.* Morrison adjourned, in a position where the latter had the advantage. Winter was 6 with Watts to play. Ewbank ($5\frac{1}{2}$) *v.* Blake (5). Savage (6) with Morrison to play—but as we have already stated, Birnberg won his adjourned game *v.* Morrison, and also won his last game *v.* Costigan. Winter beat Watts in the end-game, after sacrificing two-pieces for Rook and Pawn, Ewbank lost to Blake, and Savage to Morrison, and the final totals were as follows:—

MAJOR TOURNAMENT.

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	T'l.	Prizes.
1 J. Birnberg	—	0	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	1	1	1	1	1	$7\frac{1}{2}$	I
2 W. Winter	1	—	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	1	1	7	II
3 J. H. Blake	0	0	—	1	1	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	6	III
4 L. Savage	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	—	1	1	0	1	1	1	6	
5 A. M. Ewbank	0	1	0	0	—	1	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	1	$5\frac{1}{2}$	
6 W. H. Watts	0	0	0	0	0	—	1	1	1	1	4	
7 J. H. Morrison	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	0	0	—	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	0	$3\frac{1}{2}$	
8 Mrs. Holloway	0	0	0	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	—	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	$2\frac{1}{2}$	
9 E. Busvine	0	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	0	0	0	—	1	1	$1\frac{1}{2}$	
10 G. Costigan	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	—	$1\frac{1}{2}$	

Game played in the last round of the Major Tournament.

GAME NO. 5.347.

Bishop's Opening.

(Notes by the winner.)

WHITE
J. H. MORRISON

BLACK
L. SAVAGE

premature, but leads to a strong and lasting attack.

- 1 P—K 4 1 P—K 4
2 B—B 4 2 Kt—K B 3
3 P—Q 4 3 P×P
4 Kt—K B 3 4 B—B 4 ?

..... This move, which is often met with in actual play, has been overlooked by the analysts hitherto. It is plausible, as a preparation for castling, and to avoid the complications of the Two Knights' Defence or the Max Lange Attack; but, as the text shows, it gives White an opportunity for a similar, but distinct, line of attack, not less violent or complicated. Black's best move is probably: 4.., Kt—B 3.

- 5 P—K 5 !

In a game between Mieses and Alekhine (Hague, 1922) this position occurred (by transposition of moves); but Mieses played 5 Kt×P. The text-move looks

- 6 P×Kt 5 P—Q 4
7 Q—K 2 ch 6 P×B
8 P×P 7 B—K 3
9 B—Kt 5 8 R—Kt 1
 9 B—K 2

..... Best. If 9.., Q—Q 4 :
10 Kt—B 3 !+.

- 10 B×B 10 Q×B ?

..... This gives Black a losing end-game, because of his scattered Pawns. 10.., K×B is necessary here, after which there might follow: 11 Kt—R 4 ! Q—Q 4 ; 12 P—B 4, and if 12.., K—Q 2 ; 13 Kt—B 3 ! Q—Q R 4 ; 14 O—O—O ! Kt—B 3 ; 15 Q—B×2. If 12.., P—K B 4, White seems to get a good game after Kt—Q 2 —B 3—and O—O—O. Probably Black's best move is 12.., Kt—B 3 ! (suggested to me by Mr. Yates), which leads to an exciting game with chances for both sides

after 13 P-B 4, P-Q 6 ; 14 19 R-Q 6 19 R-B 1
 Q-K 3, Kt-Q 5 ; 15 O-O, 20 Kt-Kt 5 20 Kt-B 1
 Kt x Q B P ; 16 Q-Kt 3. 21 Kt x K P 21 Kt x Kt
 11 Kt x P 11 R x P 22 Q R x Kt 22 R x R
 12 Kt x B . 12 Q x Kt 23 R x R ch 23 K-B 2
 13 Q x Q 13 P x Q 24 R-Q 6 ! 24 K-K 2
 14 Castles 14 P-Kt 4 25 R-Q 1 25 P-Kt 5
 15 Kt-B 3 15 P-B 3 26 P-B 4 26 P-R 5
 16 K R-K 1 16 R-K 2 27 R-Q 4 27 R-Q 1
 17 Q R-Q 1 17 P-Q R 4 28 R x P and wins
 18 Kt-K 4 18 Kt-Q 2

In the Minor Tournament the early rounds indicated a fight between Dennis, Lindsay Moodie and Kazi for the first three. The latter turned up three-quarters of an hour late against Lindsey Moodie, and the latter should have claimed the advantage this would have given him ; he elected not to, and capturing a Pawn inadvisedly, lost a piece and the game. This upset him and he lost another game in the evening. Kazi (7) had to play Hipkiss on the final day, and the latter got a winning advantage. Dennis, $7\frac{1}{2}$, had to play Lindsay Moodie ($5\frac{1}{2}$), but the latter got positional advantage, when Kazi, who has only learned the English game eight months, and is a member of the Ludeagle C.C. won his game, through a bad blunder by Hipkiss. Dennis sacrificed a piece *v.* Lindsay Moodie, but it proved quite unsound and he was later compelled to resign, with the following final scores :—

MINOR TOURNAMENT.

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	T'l.	Prizes.
1 N. Kazi	—	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	1	1	1	1	1	8	I
2 F. J. Dennis	$\frac{1}{2}$	—	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	$7\frac{1}{2}$	II
3 T. Lindsey Moodie	0	1	—	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	1	1	1	1	7	III
4 S. J. Osborn	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	0	—	1	1	1	1	1	1	$6\frac{1}{2}$	
5 F. G. Husbands	0	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	—	1	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	1	5	
6 W. H. Hipkiss	0	0	1	0	0	—	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	1	4	
7 Miss Chater	0	0	0	0	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	—	1	1	1	$3\frac{1}{2}$	
8 F. M. Argrave	0	0	0	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	0	—	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	2	
9 Mrs. Ewbank	0	0	0	0	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	—	$\frac{1}{2}$	$1\frac{1}{2}$	
10 Miss Pannell	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	—	$\frac{1}{2}$	

For the Boys' Championship P. E. Bowers started by scoring $5\frac{1}{2}$ out of the first 6 rounds and looked a certain winner, but in the last three rounds he lost to Black and Charles, and could only draw his last game with Excell, and so got caught on the post by both Black and Charles. These three divided the first three prizes, but had to play off for the championship.

H. G. Excell and J. B. Smith were close up to the leaders, and indeed Excell was the only one who lost one game.

Perhaps to the general public the most interesting entrant was R. Cross from the Worcester School for the Blind. He was the youngest competitor and in several of his games showed a good knowledge both of opening play and of middle game strategy. He is of course handi-

capped by having to feel the position of the pieces on a specially prepared board, the white pieces being pointed at the top whereas the black ones are round. The black squares are raised and the delicate touch of his fingers soon makes it clear to his mind the position of the pieces, and he was never in trouble with his clock in consequence of his disabilities.

Bruning, another of the younger competitors, was the youngest entrant last year, played some bright chess, but like nearly all the competitors this year is far too impulsive. The games were all treated in a very light-hearted fashion and were generally over in a couple of hours at the most. The enthusiasm was wonderful, and most of them must have played nearly 100 games of "skittles" in the week. It is as well not to be too serious when young, but at the same time we do not think that friendly games played without a certain amount of thought, do these young players any good.

BOYS' CHAMPIONSHIP OF LONDON.

Schools.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	T'l.	Pzs.
1 Max Black (Owen's)	—	I	0	I	I	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	I	$\frac{1}{2}$	I	6	} I
2 P. E. Bowers (Westminster)	0	—	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	I	I	I	$\frac{1}{2}$	I	I	6	
3 A. G. Charles (Battersea) ..	I	I	—	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	I	$\frac{1}{2}$	I	0	I	6	
4 H. G. Excell (Owen's) ..	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	—	$\frac{1}{2}$	I	I	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	I	5 $\frac{1}{2}$	} IV
5 J. B. Smith (St. John's) ..	0	0	I	$\frac{1}{2}$	—	0	I	I	I	I	5 $\frac{1}{2}$	
6 C. Bruning (Ealing Priory)	I	0	0	0	I	—	I	$\frac{1}{2}$	I	0	4 $\frac{1}{2}$	
7 J. Applebaum (Regent Ply.)	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	0	0	—	I	I	I	4	} I
8 M. Adler (Foundation) ..	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	—	I	I	3	
9 R. Cross (Wor. Coll. Blind)	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	I	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	0	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	—	$\frac{1}{2}$	3	
10 A. C. Threlfall (Whitechapel)	0	0	0	0	0	I	0	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	—	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	

The three boys who tied played off the following week, and all three games were drawn. As there was no time to play a third time the League Committee allowed the three to hold the Championship jointly.

On Wednesday evening a Lightning Tournament was held for which 24 entries were received and the first prize was won by J. Birnberg, the second by W. Winter and the 3rd by J. H. Morrison, the 4th by A. G. Charles, one of the boy entrants. Another, J. B. Smith, won his section and competed in the semi-final for the first prize. Miss Pannell presented the prizes.

On Friday evening, M. E. Goldstein gave a simultaneous performance against 18 opponents winning 13, drawing 2 and losing 2 to E. Busvine and H. G. Excell.

At 4 o'clock on Saturday afternoon the prizes were presented by Mrs. Bayne, a niece of Major R. W. Barnett, M.P. J. H. Blake, the President of the League, presided and in his opening remarks said they had every reason to congratulate themselves on the termination of a very successful Congress, but he would like to have seen a larger number of visitors from the various membership clubs. These Congresses are got up on behalf of the London Chess League and merit more support than the members have hitherto given them both financially and by their presence.

Mrs. Bayne then presented the prizes, including those presented by the *Referee* to the boys, and also a presentation from the entrants at the Congress to G. R. Hardcastle, to whose capable and methodical arrangements the success of the Congress was largely due.

Major Barnett in replying to a hearty vote of thanks accorded to Mrs. Bayne for her services, referred to Mr. Blake's grand record in the chess world, and said that his presence at the Congress had largely contributed to its success.

OBITUARY.

We regret to learn from the hon. secretary of the Mocha Chess Club, Sydney, of the death of our late subscriber F. J. Wallis who has done so much for chess in Australia. He was an enthusiastic player and a keen student of the game. Of first class strength, he had many fine records of which to boast.

He has frequently been a contributor to the *B.C.M.* both as regards analysis of the openings and other matters.

He died after a brief illness in November last and his passing away will be much felt by many friends both in Australia and in the United Kingdom.

The Rev. J. B. Bourne, an old subscriber to the *B.C.M.* died on November 3rd, 1924, at the Portswood Nursing Home, Southampton.

A well-known player passed away on January 5th, in the person of Dr. A. Huntsman. A very keen player, he was president of Islington Chess Club, and had represented Middlesex frequently in 50 a-side contests. Overwork during the war, when he served in the R.A.M.C. undoubtedly shortened his life.

The death is announced from Graz of Dr. Franz Drobny, aged 61.

It is with the greatest regret that we have to record the somewhat sudden death of I. E. Mannington, of Hastings, who passed away a few weeks ago. Mr. Mannington had been a member of the Hastings Chess Club for many years, gaining, by competition, a place in the first class of the club. He went on several tours abroad with the Hastings Club, when he proved himself an admirable companion. He held important posts in the chess world, such as hon. secretary of the Sussex Chess Association, hon. secretary Southern Counties Union, and, from its foundation, hon. auditor to the British Chess Federation. By occupation he was a chartered accountant, having a great reputation and extensive practice in Hastings and district. He had six years on the Hastings Town Council, occupying the office of Deputy Mayor during one of these years.

By the death of Lord Claud Hamilton on January 26th the Imperial Chess Club loses one of its keenest vice-presidents and Mrs. Arthur Rawson loses an old and valued friend.

CHESS FOR BEGINNERS

(Continued from page 29).

Here are a few more replies from solvers : T.E.S.—“ Carry on, I am sure quite fifty per cent. of the subscribers, whether solvers or not, are all equally interested.” C.C.X.L.—“ Perhaps the problems on openings have kept intending solvers away, as there are so many possible lines.” J.A.E.—“ Could you give some space to fully annotated games, especially the opening ten or twelve moves explaining the principles to be aimed at, interpreted in the light of modern theory. Some end-game positions can be dealt with by routine, but occasionally one meets with a situation which calls imperatively for insight into principles, and reasoning from them to conclusions. If some such examples could be provided, I think they would prove popular.” G.A.W.—“ The only part of the *B.C.M.* that makes an appeal to me. I have been working until 11 p.m., and that is my reason for missing the last two months.” R.M.—“ Carry on as usual. It is the first page to which I turn.” A.E.S.—“ Have found your problems very useful in all departments of the game. I cannot think of anything else equally helpful. M.K.—“ The column is too difficult. Every periodical, however literary, has a joke column ; however grave, its football competition or cross word puzzle, as public taste demands. I suggest biographies and games of Ruy Lopez, Ponziani, Philidor, etc., with typical extracts from their own analyses ; a description of the Lucena MS., history of various openings from their inception ; humorous articles.” R.M.—“ It is the first page to which I turn, and has greatly added to my playing strength.” As will be seen the suggestions are very varied, and it will be impossible to please everyone ; I could have wished that other readers, in addition to solvers had indicated what would attract them. The best idea seems to be to adopt the plan suggested by “ Nemo ” and others, that is to give two problems for Juniors, and two for Seniors each month, I must leave my solvers to sort themselves ! and I hope many other solvers will join in ; with only two problems a month, it should not be asking too much of a reader. I should much appreciate suggestions for a title. My intention would be to give for Juniors an easy end-game problem each month, with alternately (1) a usual form of opening, say five to ten moves, asking for improvements on either side—with full explanations in the following month, or (2) a simple middle game where the attack and counter attack have more or less become suspended, and a new scheme has to be evolved. For Seniors, the same ideas, but much more elaborate. I will make a start in March.

 OXFORD PAST v. CAMBRIDGE PAST.

As the experiment last year of playing this match during the Universities' week in town did not result in getting better teams together, it was decided to revert to the January date this year ; and on Saturday afternoon, the 10th ult., two sides of twelve met at the City of London Chess Club. As was the case last year, there were numerous disappointments, and again Oxford were the chief

sufferers, E. M. Jackson, G. E. Wainwright, T. H. Tylor, J. A. J. Drewitt, Major Barnett and T. A. Staynes, among others, being obliged to decline the invitation to play. Cambridge lacked the help of H. E. Atkins; but in numbers they were well represented and had four more players ready, could Oxford have furnished opponents for them.

Nearly four hours were allowed for the match, with the result that adjudication was only necessary on two boards, the 7th and 8th. These two games added a badly wanted $1\frac{1}{2}$ to the Dark Blues' score, which previously had been made up of a win by H. D. Roome and draws by P. W. Sergeant, G. Davies and D. M. Morrah. Cambridge had a comfortable win, for the third year in succession. Full score:—

CAMBRIDGE PAST.		OXFORD PAST.	
1 W. H. Gunston (St. John's) ..	$\frac{1}{2}$	P. W. Sergeant (Trinity) ..	$\frac{1}{2}$
2 C. E. C. Tattersall (Trinity) ..	1	H. G. Rhodes (New Coll.) ..	0
3 E. L. Raymond (Christ's) ..	$\frac{1}{2}$	G. Davies (Pembroke) ..	$\frac{1}{2}$
4 B. Goulding Browne (Trinity) ..	0	H. D. Roome (Merton) ..	1
5 G. Leatham (St. John's) ..	1	J. H. Morrison (Wadham) ..	0
6 J. M. Bee (St. Catherine's) ..	1	A. H. Crothers (Queen's) ..	0
7 L. McLean (Queen's) ..	$\frac{1}{2}$	E. Paice (Merton) ..	$\frac{1}{2}$
8 H. J. Snowden (Queen's) ..	0	E. A. Michell (Queen's) ..	1
9 C. E. Taylor (Trinity) ..	1	D. M. Morrah (New Coll.) ..	0
10 L. Illingworth (Trinity) ..	1	Maj. E. Montagu-Jones (New Coll.) ..	0
11 Sir E. A. T. Wigram (Trin. Hall) ..	1	Philip Wilson (Balliol) ..	0
12 P. J. Wyndham (Trinity) ..	1	Hon. F. G. H.-Russell (Ch. Ch.) ..	0
	12		4

Cambridge had the move on the odd-numbered boards. It may be of interest to name the openings, as they were very varied in character: 1, Petroff; 2, Q.P. (Dutch Defence); 3, Ponziani; 4, Irregular Q.P.; 5, Nimzovitch's Defence (1 P—K 4, Kt—Q B 3); 6 Q.P. (Dutch Defence); 7, Evans Accepted; 8, Q.P. (Tchigorin Defence, without the King's fianchetto); 9, Ruy Lopez; 10 Q.P. (King's Fianchetto Defence); 11, French; and 12, Queen's Gambit Declined. The following was the game on Board 1:—

GAME No. 5,348.

Petroff's Defence.

WHITE		BLACK	
W. H. GUNSTON	P. W. SERGEANT	W. H. GUNSTON	P. W. SERGEANT
1 P—K 4	P—K 4	14 K R—K 1	Kt—Kt 5
2 Kt—K B 3	Kt—K B 3	15 R—K 2	K—R 1
3 P—Q 4	P—Q 4	16 Q R—K 1	B—Q 2
4 Kt×P	Kt×P	17 Kt×B?	Q×Kt
5 B—Q 3	B—K 2	18 R×B!	Kt×R
6 Castles	Castles	19 Kt—K 5	Q—B 2
7 Kt—Q 2	P—K B 4?	20 B—B 4	Q—Q 1
8 P—Q B 4	P—B 3	21 Kt—B 7 ch?	R×Kt
9 Q—Kt 3	Kt—B 3	22 B×R	Q×P
10 Q Kt—B 3	P×P	23 B—K 5	Q—Q 6
11 B×P ch	Kt—Q 4	24 Q—K 6	Kt—Kt 1
12 B—Q 2	P—Q R 4	25 B—B 3?	Q—Q 4
13 P—Q R 4	Kt—R 3	26 Q×Q	Kt×Q

And a draw was agreed. An interesting game; but Black was lucky. As *The Field* points out, White missed wins on his 17th, 21st and 25th moves. 25 B×Kt, R×B; 26 Q—B 7 was decisive.

NEWS FROM THE BRITISH ISLES.

Southern Counties Chess Union.—The two powerful London teams, Middlesex and Surrey, have dealt remorselessly with their weaker brethren this month. On January 3rd, Surrey beat Kent by 13 to 4, while on January 10th Middlesex beat Essex by 13½ to 4½, this latter result despite the fact that the Essex captain was well supported. When the two giants meet on February 21st a titanic struggle should result.

SURREY.				KENT.			
1	F. F. L. Alexander	.. ..	1	H. Storr-Best	.. ..	..	0
2	H. B. Uber	.. ..	½	O. C. Muller	.. ..	..	½
3	R. C. J. Walker	.. ..	0	R. C. Noel-Johnson	.. ..	..	1
4	W. Gooding	.. ..	1	W. B. Dixon	.. ..	..	0
5	H. C. Griffiths	.. ..	1	B. W. Hamilton	.. ..	..	0
6	W. E. Allnutt	.. ..	1	W. M. Brooke	.. ..	..	0
7	L. P. Rees	.. ..	½	C. H. Lorch	.. ..	..	½
8	J. Butland	.. ..	½	G. Hanson	.. ..	..	½
9	H. G. Felce	.. ..	1	Major R. W. Barnett	.. ..	..	0
10	P. J. Allingham	.. ..	0	J. Sargent	.. ..	..	1
11	B. H. N. Stronach	.. ..	1	G. O. Pratt	.. ..	..	0
12	A. Fletcher	.. ..	1	W. H. Law	.. ..	..	0
13	G. Wernick	.. ..	1	C. Wykeham Perry	.. ..	..	0
14	R. H. Birch	.. ..	1	Stuart Hodgson	.. ..	..	0
15	W. L. Brierley	.. ..	1	H. Vine	.. ..	..	0
16	G. E. Smith	.. ..	1	S. J. Holloway	.. ..	..	0
17	E. W. Davies	.. ..	½	E. B. Puckridge	.. ..	..	½
13				4			
MIDDLESEX.				ESSEX.			
1	M. E. Goldstein	.. ..	1	E. J. Price	.. ..	..	0
2	B. E. Siegheim	.. ..	½	W. O. Woodfield	.. ..	..	½
3	H. Saunders	.. ..	1	E. W. Osler	.. ..	..	0
4	L. Savage	.. ..	1	E. J. Randall	.. ..	..	0
5	J. Du Mont	.. ..	0	G. A. Shoobridge	.. ..	..	1
6	R. C. Griffith	.. ..	1	G. Freeman	.. ..	..	0
7	W. H. Regan	.. ..	1	H. A. Melvin	.. ..	..	0
8	J. Birnberg	.. ..	1	T. H. George	.. ..	..	0
9	Dr. S. F. Duncan	.. ..	1	J. G. Hayes	.. ..	..	0
10	H. V. Buttfield	.. ..	0	F. A. Sisley	.. ..	..	1
11	J. W. Morling	.. ..	1	F. J. Whitmarsh	.. ..	..	0
12	W. H. Watts	.. ..	0	E. H. Hart	.. ..	..	1
13	P. Healey	.. ..	0	C. A. Thorogood	.. ..	..	1
14	S. P. J. Merlin	.. ..	1	W. H. Taylor	.. ..	..	0
15	W. Jones	.. ..	1	W. E. Evans	.. ..	..	0
16	R. F. Goldstein	.. ..	1	Aylmer Maude	.. ..	..	0
17	A. M. Ewbank	.. ..	1	R. H. Bayley	.. ..	..	0
18	G. P. Kitchener	.. ..	1	E. J. Gibbs	.. ..	..	0
13½				4½			

Surrey played Sussex 50 a-side at Brighton on January 24th, the first 16 counting for the S.C.C.U. championship and the full 50 for the Amboyna Shield competition. The match took place in the Pavilion, and the Sussex president, the Hon. F. G. Hamilton-Russell kindly entertained the two teams to tea.

In the end Surrey came out quite heavily on top, winning the championship event by $9\frac{1}{2}$ to $6\frac{1}{2}$ and the shield contest by $31\frac{1}{2}$ to $18\frac{1}{2}$, thus obtaining a better result than the powerful Middlesex teams (which won by $27\frac{1}{2}$ — $22\frac{1}{2}$ on November 1st).

Some of the Surrey players are reported to have been lucky on the high boards, but it was a very fine performance to beat so strong a county as Sussex, on their own ground, by the score stated.

The first 16 boards were as follows:—

SURREY.					SUSSEX.				
1	F. F. L. Alexander	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	G. M. Norman	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	
2	R. P. Michell	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	Rev. E. Griffiths	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	
3	H. B. Uber	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	R. E. Lean	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	
4	R. C. J. Walker	..	..	1	G. F. H. Packer	..	..	0	
5	E. Macdonald	..	..	1	J. Storr-Best	..	..	0	
6	H. S. Barlow	..	..	1	H. L. Crawford	..	..	0	
7	H. C. Griffiths	..	..	1	H. E. Dobell	..	..	0	
8	W. E. Allnutt	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	W. R. Andrews	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	
9	L. P. Rees	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	J. H. Jones	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	
10	J. Butland	..	..	1	E. G. Read	..	..	0	
11	G. A. Felce	..	..	0	J. A. Watt	..	..	1	
12	H. G. Felce	..	..	0	Dr. R. Dunstan	..	..	1	
13	P. J. Allingham	..	..	0	W. Bridger	..	..	1	
14	A. Fletcher	..	..	1	W. H. King	..	..	0	
15	G. Wernick	..	..	0	G. V. Butler	..	..	1	
16	A. J. Spencer	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	Castle Leaver	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	
9 $\frac{1}{2}$					6 $\frac{1}{2}$				

On January 17th Berkshire met Hertfordshire at St. Bride's to contest the right to enter the semi-final of the Montagu-Jones cup against Hampshire. The match was splendidly contested and the result was in doubt till three unfinished games had been adjudicated,

BERKSHIRE.					HERTFORDSHIRE.				
1	F. W. Neale	..	..	..	I	Sir E. T. A. Wigram, Bart.	..	..	0
2	P. J. Lawrence	..	..	..	*I	A. G. Fellows	..	..	*0
3	L. A. Rumble	..	..	..	0	G. T. Womack	..	..	I
4	G. H. Caws	..	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	J. Burgess	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$
5	J. H. Van Meurs	..	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	W. Hatton Ward	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$
6	H. Lyford	..	..	..	I	A. H. Knight	..	..	0
7	E. R. Farmer	..	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	C. K. Trotter	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$
8	Mrs. Houlding	..	..	..	0	R. E. Webb	..	..	I
9	B. Hamilton	..	..	..	* $\frac{1}{2}$	Miss Hooke	..	..	* $\frac{1}{2}$
10	S. Dobson	..	..	..	I	C. H. Martin	..	..	0
11	W. Innes	..	..	..	0	P. J. Ried	..	..	I
12	G. H. Kingham	..	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	C. T. Alderton	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$
13	G. M. Arrowsmith	..	..	..	0	C. H. Rickwood	..	..	I
14	S. F. Pierson	..	..	..	0	E. G. Attenbaron	..	..	0
15	F. R. Bance	..	..	..	I	L. S. Bush	..	..	I
16	T. H. Cox	..	..	..	*I	C. A. Bunce	..	..	*0
					8 $\frac{1}{2}$				
					*	Adjudicated.			
						7 $\frac{1}{2}$			

* Adjudicated.

A new club has been formed at Lyme Regis, Dorset, which meets on Friday evenings at the Tudor Café. The hon. secretary is J. W. Bridgeman, 2 Jordan House, Lyme Regis. The club will be affiliated to Dorset Chess Association.

Somerset and Devon at Exeter on January 24th, the match being the semi-final of the Montague Jones cup and also counting in the S.C.C. Union championship.

The match resulted in a win for Somerset who will now meet in the final the winner of Berks. v. Hants., to be played at Reading, on February 14th. Score:—

SOMERSET.							DEVON.						
1	C. Duffield..	..	..	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	T. Taylor	..	..	..	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$
2	Capt. P. D. Bolland..	..	..	..	..	I	R. M. Bruce	..	..	..	..	..	O
3	H. Parsons..	..	..	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	Dr. Allingham	..	..	..	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$
4	Rev. E. W. Poynton	..	..	..	..	I	H. G. Stretton	..	..	..	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$
5	R. M. Norman	..	..	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	H. J. H. Cope	..	..	..	..	..	I
6	G. Breakwell	..	..	..	..	O	F. Pitt Fox	..	..	..	..	..	I
7	D. Campbell	..	..	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	H. V. Mallinson	..	..	..	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$
8	J. L. Palmer	..	..	..	..	I	W. Ball	..	..	..	..	..	O
9	Commander R. D. Graham	..	..	..	..	I	A. B. Treloar	..	..	..	..	..	O
10	L. Vine	..	..	..	..	I	A. J. Roberts..	..	..	..	..	..	O
11	B. T. Barker, M.A.	..	..	..	..	O	A. J. Friend	..	..	..	..	..	O
12	J. Blair	..	..	..	..	I	Rev. A. Seymour	..	..	..	..	..	O
13	W. J. Titley	..	..	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	H. A. Clarke	..	..	..	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$
14	H. Powell	..	..	..	..	I	W. Belam	..	..	..	..	..	O
17	C. Holman..	..	..	..	..	I	J. D. Brown	..	..	..	..	..	O
16	W. E. Biggs	..	..	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	M. Langden	..	..	..	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$
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Kent Congress, 1925.—This will not be held at Dover, as stated in our January number, but at Bromley (Kent), the arrangements being in the hands of S. J. Holloway, 22 Cambridge Road, Bromley, who will be pleased to send full particulars of events. It is hoped to hold a miniature Master tournament, with an event for British players who are only a degree below this strength. Also the usual first, second and third class.

The B.C.F. congress at Stratford-upon-Avon will be held in the Town Hall by the cordial invitation of the Mayor from August 17th to August 29th. Full programmes will be available early in May and the closing date for entries will be probably July 17th. The hon. secretary of the B.C.F., Leonard P. Rees, St. Aubyns, Redhill, Surrey, would esteem it a favour if all British Counties' Leagues, etc., that publish a Year Book or an account of the year's work, would send him a copy as the details it contains would be a material help in the work of the Federation. The death of I. E. Mannington, who has acted as honorary auditor to the Federation since its foundation in 1904, removes a valued official whom the Council will find it difficult to replace, and his loss as a friend and a worker is much to be deplored.

Northern Counties Chess Union.—The first match in this competition took place on Saturday, 17th January, at St. Margaret's Institute, Altrincham, between Lancashire and Cheshire. After a keen struggle Lancashire won by the narrow margin of $8\frac{1}{2}$ — $6\frac{1}{2}$. There are only three counties competing, the third being Yorkshire, who will now meet Lancashire to decide which shall enter the English County championship to be decided next autumn. Score:—

LANCASHIRE.					CHESHIRE.				
1	E. Spencer	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	W. A. Fairhurst	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	
2	D. Joseph	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	A. D. Subsachs	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	
3	Dr. H. Holmes	..	..	1	H. Farnsworth	..	..	0	
4	A. Eva	..	..	0	F. J. Macdonald	..	..	1	
5	R. Robinson	..	..	1	S. Broadbridge	..	..	0	
6	T. Kelly	..	..	1	M. Sutcliffe	..	..	0	
7	A. Lobel	..	..	0	J. Kay	..	..	1	
8	C. F. Burslam	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	G. H. Middleley	..	..	0	
9	W. Turner	..	..	1	J. W. Dutton	..	..	0	
10	W. R. Thomas	..	..	1	F. Wilde	..	..	0	
11	H. Kearne	..	..	1	R. W. Smith	..	..	0	
12	J. S. Meikle	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	H. F. Thorpe	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	
13	T. S. Storey	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	J. Whitworth	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	
14	Knott Thayer	..	..	0	P. N. Wallis	..	..	1	
15	T. M. Warburton	..	..	0	H. Sutcliffe	..	..	1	
$8\frac{1}{2}$					$6\frac{1}{2}$				

A very nice Year Book has been got out by Lancashire Chess Association for 1924-5. Its twenty-four pages include the rules of the Association; list of executive; list of county champions since 1900;

last year's county matches ; and seven pages of the annotated games of Lancashire crack players, five of them being by the present champion, E. Spencer.

We are able, through the courtesy of the *Sheffield Telegraph and Star* to reproduce a picture of the Edwin Woodhouse cup. The present trophy is the second of its kind, the first having been won



outright by Leeds in 1912, on which the donor came forward with a new cup. We do not know if this can be won outright, but we hope not. We have always felt it to be mistaken policy that any valuable cup or trophy should become the permanent property of any club, however often they win it. A cup becomes more interesting with every year of its existence, while it is generally a white elephant to its perpetual holders. Sometimes a well-established competition is killed through its trophy being won outright: witness the cable matches between England and America !

To return to the subject of this paragraph, Edwin Woodhouse, J.P., D.L., was twice Mayor of Leeds and one of the first Lord Mayors. He was president of Leeds Chess Club for many years until his death in 1924.

Leeds have held the present cup in 1913, 1914, 1920, 1922, and 1923 ; Brad-

ford in 1921; while the present holders are Sheffield.

Results to 31st December, 1924:—

	Matches.						Games.					
	P.	W.	D.	L.	Pts.		P.	W.	D.	L.		
Leeds	4	3	1	0	7	..	40	17	11	12		
Sheffield .. .	4	3	0	1	6	..	40	12	21	7		
Hull	4	2	0	2	4	..	40	15	14	11		
Bradford .. .	4	1	1	2	3	..	40	11	18	11		
Huddersfield ..	4	0	0	4	0	..	40	7	12	21		

Since the above two more matches have been played in which Leeds and Sheffield just succeeded in beating Hull and Bradford respectively.

Played at Bradford, December 31st, 1924.

SHEFFIELD.					BRADFORD.				
1	G. W. Moses	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	T. A. Staynes	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	
2	H. H. Clarke	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	J. Foulds	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	
3	H. D. Rockett	..	..	1	H. W. Hodgkinson	..	..	0	
4	W. J. Berryman	..	..	1	H. L. Brooke	..	..	0	
5	A. R. Fleming	..	..	0	F. Betts	..	..	1	
6	J. E. Bird	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	J. W. Morton	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	
7	F. Ogden	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	T. Hillary	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	
8	C. North	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	J. R. Deacon	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	
9	J. Orange	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	W. Staynes	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	
10	J. S. Hamer	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	W. W. Hale	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	
5 $\frac{1}{2}$					4 $\frac{1}{2}$				

Played at Leeds, December 13th.

LEEDS.					HULL.				
1	F. Schofield	..	..	1	W. Atkinson	..	..	0	
2	A. C. Ivimy	..	..	0	J. J. Shields	..	..	1	
3	G. Pollard	..	..	0	G. Barron	..	..	1	
4	S. Leader	..	..	0	S. Jackson	..	..	1	
5	A. A. Williams	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	R. Bainbridge	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	
6	H. Wortley	..	..	0	E. A. Robinson	..	..	0	
7	J. Croysdale	..	..	1	E. J. Adams	..	..	0	
8	M. Andrew	..	..	1	G. E. Hawkins	..	..	0	
9	C. Sandberg	..	..	1	C. Havercroft	..	..	0	
10	J. A. Brown	..	..	1	T. Banks	..	..	0	
5 $\frac{1}{2}$					4 $\frac{1}{2}$				

Played at Leeds, Saturday, December 20th, 1924. The visitors were not fully represented, but gained a good victory. The scores were level at call of time, but two unfinished games on boards 3 and 4 were clearly in Manchester's favour and their claims to wins were admitted.

MANCHESTER.					LEEDS.				
1	T. Kelly (W.)	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	F. Schofield	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	
2	C. F. Burslam	..	..	0	P. Wenman	..	..	1	
3	C. Boyce	..	..	1	G. Pollard	..	..	0	
4	A. F. Morrell	..	..	1	S. Leader	..	..	0	
5	H. Leary	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	H. Wortley	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	
6	G. H. Midgley	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	C. Sandberg	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	
7	J. A. Barraclough	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	J. Croysdale	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	
8	Dr. F. St. John	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	M. Andrew	..	..	0	
9	H. Barbash	..	..	1	S. Thorpe	..	..	0	
10	A. Milner	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	G. E. Jackson	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	
11	E. Toledano	..	..	1	A. Illingworth	..	..	0	
12	H. Napper	..	..	1	I. Berenblum	..	..	0	
13	J. H. Martin	..	..	0	H. Bulliard	..	..	1	
14	Dr. N. R. Williamson	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	W. Skirrow	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	
15	J. H. Bagnall	..	..	0	F. Judson	..	..	1	
8 $\frac{1}{2}$					6 $\frac{1}{2}$				

C. North, of Sheffield, gave a simultaneous display at the Maltby Chess Club on January 11th. He won 11, drew 5, and lost only 1. A very good performance.

The following are results to date in the Leeds League.

DIVISION A.

Nov. 1—Leeds Y.M.C.A.	2	Farsley	4
„ 1—Leeds A	8	Leeds Blenheim	3
Dec. 11—Leeds Y.M.C.A.	5	Leeds A	3
„ 17—Crossgates	5	Leeds Blenheim	1

DIVISION B.

Nov. 5—Central High School	7	Salem	0
„ 18—Leeds Co-operative	1	Central High School	7
„ 21—Rothwell	2	Quebec	5
Dec. 1—Leeds B	6	Salem	1
„ 4—Rothwell	4	Salem	2
„ 9—Central High School	3½	Quebec	3½
„ 18—Leeds B	4	Rothwell	2
Jan. 6—Leeds Co-operative	0	Leeds B	7

DIVISION C.

Dec. 1—School of Commerce	3	Leeds Modern School	3
„ 4—Oxford Place Institute	2	School of Commerce	4
„ 10—Leeds Modern School	1	Leeds C	7
„ 12—Leeds Modern School	4	Central High School	4
„ 15—School of Commerce	2½	Central High School	3½

Rotherham Chess League.—The season's fixture list is now nearly half completed, and the positions of the clubs are as under:—

	P.	W.	D.	L.	Pts.
Dalton	6	6	0	0	12
Unionist Club	5	4	0	1	8
Maltby	5	3	0	2	6
Phoenix	5	2	1	2	5
Hexthorpe	4	2	0	2	4
Steel, Peech, & Tozer	5	1	1	3	3
Rotherham Y.M.C.A.	9	0	2	7	2

Our attention has been called to the fine sportsmanship displayed by the Maltby Club. On two occasions opposing teams failed to turn up for matches, without having given proper notice. In each case Maltby waived their claim to win by default, allowed the matches to be played at a later date, and eventually lost both!

Welsh Border League.—More results are now to hand, and from reports sent in by the constituent clubs it appears that the rest of the season will be a very active time.

Bargoed v. Blackwood, at Blackwood, December 18th.

BARGOED.

BLACKWOOD.

1 R. S. Duffin	1	E. Evans	0
2 H. McKenzie	0	D. J. Jenkins	1
3 R. E. Williams	0	R. Jones	1
4 H. Marston	0	S. Evans	1
5 B. Edwards	½	D. Jones	½
6 R. Richmond	1	— Davies	0
7 W. Fenton	1	O. Coleman	0

3½

3½

Bargoed win by virtue of playing the greater number of Blacks. At the first encounter on December 11th, Bargoed won by 4 to 3.

Tredegar v. Blaina, at Tredegar, December 20th.

BLAINA.						TREDEGAR.					
1	J. Lewis	..	..	..	½	J. Morgan	..	..	..	½	
2	A. Williams	..	..	..	0	B. Mapherson	..	..	..	1	
3	E. Richards	..	..	..	1	D. Prescott	..	..	..	0	
4	T. Huggins	..	..	..	0	T. Fleet..	..	..	..	1	
5	D. Jones	..	..	..	0	A. Morgan	..	..	..	1	
6	Alf. Evans	..	..	..	1	W. Hale	..	..	..	0	
7.	Joe Thomas	..	..	..	1	W. Pritchard	..	..	..	0	
3½						3½					

The game between Mr. Yates and Mr. Randall is subjoined.

GAME No. 5,349.

Max Lange.

WHITE		BLACK		WHITE		BLACK	
F. D. YATES	E. J. RANDALL	F. D. YATES	E. J. RANDALL	F. D. YATES	E. J. RANDALL	F. D. YATES	E. J. RANDALL
1 P—K 4	P—K 4	15 R×P	R—Kt 2	15 R×P	R—Kt 2	15 R×P	R—Kt 2
2 Kt—K B 3	Kt—Q B 3	16 R—B 2	Q R—Kt 1	16 R—B 2	Q R—Kt 1	16 R—B 2	Q R—Kt 1
3 B—B 4	B—B 4	17 K—R 1	Q—R 5	17 K—R 1	Q—R 5	17 K—R 1	Q—R 5
4 Castles	Kt—B 3	18 Kt—K 2	P—K B 4	18 Kt—K 2	P—K B 4	18 Kt—K 2	P—K B 4
5 P—Q 4	B×P	19 Kt×Kt	P×Kt	19 Kt×Kt	P×Kt	19 Kt×Kt	P×Kt
6 Kt×B	Kt×Kt	20 R—K 1	R—Kt 5	20 R—K 1	R—Kt 5	20 R—K 1	R—Kt 5
7 P—B 4	P—Q 3	21 K R—K 2	P—B 5	21 K R—K 2	P—B 5	21 K R—K 2	P—B 5
8 P×P	P×P	22 R—B 2	P—B 6	22 R—B 2	P—B 6	22 R—B 2	P—B 6
9 B—K Kt 5	Q—K 2	23 P×P	R (Kt 5)—Kt 2	23 P×P	R (Kt 5)—Kt 2	23 P×P	R (Kt 5)—Kt 2
10 Kt—B 3	P—B 3	24 Q R—K 2	B—R 6	24 Q R—K 2	B—R 6	24 Q R—K 2	B—R 6
11 B×Kt	P×B	25 Q—B 1	Q—B 5!	25 Q—B 1	Q—B 5!	25 Q—B 1	Q—B 5!
12 R—B 2	B—K 3	26 Q—Q 1	R—Kt 8 ch	26 Q—Q 1	R—Kt 8 ch	26 Q—Q 1	R—Kt 8 ch
13 B—Q 3	Castles Q R	27 Q×R	R×Q ch	27 Q×R	R×Q ch	27 Q×R	R×Q ch
14 Q—B 1	K R—Kt 1	28 K×R	Q—B 8 ch	28 K×R	Q—B 8 ch	28 K×R	Q—B 8 ch

and wins.

Mr. Yates also played at Hampstead on Saturday, January 18th, and won 15, drew 3, and lost 1, to W. Adams. M. E. Goldstein was a Pawn up, with probably a theoretical win, but it was difficult to find it on adjudication, and he agreed to accept a draw.

The second tournament for the Kriegspiel championship of the Gambit will commence on February 9th. The winner will take the first prize and his name will be engraved on the challenge shield. The present holder, A. Felber, is again competing, and a strong entry is assured.

The tournament will be played in sections, after which the leaders will play off. First prize, £5; second prize, £2 ros., and other prizes according to entries have been provided by Miss Price.

A new column edited by a well-known chess journalist appears in the *British Legion*, 26 Eccleston Square, London, S.W.1.

Two problems are given, also an annotated game, Rubinstein v. W. H. Watts, at Southport, 1924. The game is given in the Continental notation (d2—d4, etc.) and the editor does not think there will be any difficulty in understanding this "as it may now be called international." Perhaps he is right.

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NEWS FROM THE DOMINIONS AND FOREIGN LANDS.

South Africa.—On November 25th, Boris Kostich, who had just arrived from Australia by the *Ceramic*, gave an exhibition of simultaneous play at Durban, meeting 18 players, of whom he defeated 14 and drew with 4. From Durban the Serbian master proceeded to Capetown.

Kenya Colony.—A match was played at Nairobi last October between teams of 8 a-side, representing Europeans and Indians. Though Messrs. Menkin and Spencer Palmer won their games on the two top boards, the Indians triumphed by 5—3.

The championship of Kenya has been won by Middleditch, after a tie with Katzler, whom he beat 2—0.

United States.—In the special tournament (Bishop's Opening) at the Marshall C.C., Marshall took first prize with $10\frac{1}{2}$ points in 12 games; Torre was second with $8\frac{1}{2}$.

France.—Dr. S. Tartakover is to reside in Paris, and at the annual general meeting of the Cercle Philidor on December 14th, was made an honorary member.

Nice is to be the scene of the next French championship in September. We note that I. Gunsberg has been passing the winter there, and that Sir W. Watson Rutherford has been elected vice-president of the local chess club.

At the first annual international tournament of the Hyères Chess Club, the "Philidor" challenge cup and the first prize of 300 frs. were won by H. R. Müller, of Interlaken, at present residing in Nice. The second and third prizes, 200 and 100 frs., were divided by A. J. Maas and Col. C. Stuart Prince, who need no introduction to our readers. It had been hoped that J. J. O'Hanlon would be able to compete; but he was obliged to be back in Ireland on January 5th.

Belgium.—The hopes of a 50 a-side match on December 28th, between Antwerp and Brussels were not quite realised, for Brussels were finally able to take over a team of 34 only. Antwerp did not claim any forfeits, but won a victory of 23—11 on the 34 boards. At the top, Sapira (A.) and Nebels (B.) drew, Dunkelblum (A.) beat Tackels (B.), and Lancel (B.) beat Baruchovitz (A.). One of the prime organisers of this match (which is to be an annual affair) was M. I. Censer, who will be remembered in London chess circles.

Holland.—After 8 games the score in the match Euwe—Davidson was: Euwe 4, Davidson 1, drawn 3.

We congratulate Dr. Max Euwe on his appointment to a professorship in Rotterdam.

Germany.—The double-round quadrangular tournament at the Kafee König, Berlin, ended in a victory for P. Johner, with a score of 4 out of 6. Rubinstein was $3\frac{1}{2}$, Teichmann $2\frac{1}{2}$, and Mieses 2. Against Rubinstein Johner only scored $\frac{1}{2}$, while he drew one of his games with Teichmann. Rubinstein lost a game to, and drew one with, Teichmann, and drew one with Mieses.

If we mistake not, this is Johner's best performance in such high company so far.

A. Kramer has won the championship of Breslau, and W. Orbach that of Frankfurt.

Austria.—At the Federation's meeting in Vienna the ladies' championship was won by Frau Paula Kalmar, whom English lady-visitors to the Meran Congress will remember.

The German Chess Club, of Vienna, organised a tournament of five players, including the Berlin master, E. Post. The result was : A. Becker, 3 points ; Post and Dr. Gruber, $2\frac{1}{2}$ each ; S. R. Wolf, $1\frac{1}{2}$; Schara, $\frac{1}{2}$.

Sweden.—Allan Nilsson has won the national championship from Gustav Nyholm, defeating him in a match by 3—1, with one draw. The match was played in Göteborg, October 13th—24th.

Nyholm has held the national championship, with one brief interval, ever since it was instituted.

After capturing the championship, Nilsson began in December a match with R. Spielmann. This was to be 5 games up ; but the German master scored $3\frac{1}{2}$ out of the first 4 games.

At the end of October, the Stockholm Chess Association and the *Dagens Nyheter* arranged a huge propaganda handicap tourney, for which no less than 456 players entered—surely a world's record ! 74 prizes were offered, all of which fell to odds-receivers. The handicapping was rather severe on the back-markers, for the 4th class received Rook and Knight from them. B. Bergvall (4th class) gained first prize, with $15\frac{1}{2}$ points, and three 3rd class players followed him. Dr. Karl Olson was highest of the master-class competitors, and even he failed to get a prize.

Finland.—The annual match between Reval and Helsingfors has been won by the former, 8—6, last year's defeat being thus avenged.

We note in the *Oesterr. Rundschau* (Vienna) a generous tribute to the memory of J. H. Blackburne, from the pen of Herr L. Bachmann, of Munich.

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

J. Moore (Sheffield).—Unless you can procure the book through Hollings, of Great Turnstile, Holborn, we fear you will have to write to Switzerland for it.

THE BRITISH CORRESPONDENCE CHESS ASSOCIATION.

All communications respecting these pages should be addressed to Mr. H. E. Matthews, 37 Anson Street, Monton, Eccles, Manchester. New members will be welcomed at any time and games can always be arranged for them at short notice.

The present score in our match against France is 9—9 with six games still unfinished. The *Chess Amateur C.C.L.* have accepted our challenge to another match, which it is hoped will be commenced soon. Our team will include those members who expressed their willingness to play; if any member now finds himself unable to take part we should be glad to be notified accordingly. We should also be glad to hear from any other member who would like to take a board.

Trophies Tourney.—Results to date. Class 1b: Jones 1, Parsons 0; Jayne 1, Finch 0; Cope 1, Jones 0; Rutherford 1, Cope 0; Jones 1, Rutherford 0; Rockett beat Finch and Bussell. Class 2a: Evill 1, North 0; Munro and Coates retire through illness. score cancelled; Ditcham 1, Wilson 0. Class 2b: Redfern 1, Toledano 0; Wood 1, Shelton 0; Malone 1, Clarke 0; Ward 1, Spenceley 0. Class 3a: Gurney 1, Shead 0; Lesser 1, Roberts 0; Gurney 1, Hays 0. Class 3b: Armitage 1, Vosper 0; Armitage 1, Brayne 0; Moore 1, Maden 0. Class 3c: Tock retires, score cancelled; Coole, Jago and Wise beat Wakefield (by default). Class 4a: Le Grip 1, Wilcox 0; Fairclough 1, Le Grip 0; Lambert 1, Laslett 0. Class 4b: Day 1, Fisher 0; Milburn 1, Heywood 0; Seymour 1, Withey 0. Class 5a; Burton 1, Roberts 0; Rocks 1, Griffin 0. Class 5b: Miss Eveling 1, Schofield 0; Miss White 1, Newbold 0; Halford $\frac{1}{2}$, Miss Eveling $\frac{1}{2}$.

The following game is taken from our current Trophies Tourney, Class 1b.

GAME NO. 5,350.

Scotch Gambit.

WHITE	BLACK	WHITE	BLACK
E. PARSONS.	E. M. JONES.	E. PARSONS.	E. M. JONES.
1 P—K 4	P—K 4	13 P×P ch	P×P
2 Kt—K B 3	Kt—Q B 3	14 Kt—K 4	B—Kt 3
3 P—Q 4	P×P	15 K R—K 1	K—B 1
4 B—B 4	B—Kt 5 ch	16 Q—R 3	B—Kt 5
5 P—B 3	P×P	17 Kt (B 3)—Kt 5	Kt—K 4
6 P×P	B—R 4	18 B—K 2	B—K B 4
7 Q—Kt 3	Q—B 3	19 Q—Kt 4	P—K R 3
8 Castles	K Kt—K 2	20 Q R—Q 1	P×Kt
9 B—K Kt 5	Q—Kt 3	21 Kt×Q P	K—Kt 1
10 B×Kt	K×B	22 Kt×Kt P	R×R
11 Q Kt—Q 2	P—Q 3	23 R×R	B—Q 6
12 P—K 4	R—Q 1	24 Resigns	

GAME DEPARTMENT.

Games played in the Premier tournament at Hastings.

GAME NO. 5.351.

Played in the first round. Notes specially contributed by Dr. S. G. Tartakover.

English Opening.

WHITE BLACK
DR. TARTAKOVER A. J. MACKENZIE

1 P—Q B 4 1 P—K 4

.....Certainly the most energetic reply; but White can now play the Sicilian Defence with a very important move in hand.

2 P—K Kt 3 2 P—Q 3
3 B—Kt 2 3 P—Q B 3

.....A plan adopted also in a game Tartakover-Lasker, St. Petersburg, 1909, to paralyse the enemy's fianchetto.

4 P—Q 4 4 Q—B 2
5 P—B 4

However, White is not content, as we see, with an ordinary development (e.g., P—K 3, Kt—K 2, Castles), but tries to set going as quickly as possible all his potential forces.

6 Kt—Q B 3 5 Kt—Q 2
7 P—K 4 6 K Kt—B 3
8 K Kt—K 2 7 B—K 2
9 Castles 8 Castles

Premature as yet would be the resolution of the centre by 9 P—Q B 5, because of K P×Q P; 10 P×P, B×P; 11 P—K 5, B—B 4; 12 Kt×P, R—K 1, and now the attack is with Black. White therefore prepares, with the text and the following moves, for the Pawn-assault, while Black has little else to do but wait and see.

10 K—R 1 9 R—K 1
11 P—Q B 5! 10 Kt—B 1
11 K P×Q P

.....Still the best reply. If R—Q 1, then 12 Q B P×P, B×P; 13 B P×P, B×P; 14 B—B 4! seizing on all the strategic points.

12 P×P 12 B×P
13 Kt×P

The tempting 13 P—K 5, P×P; 14 P×B, P×P; 15 B×P,

Q—Q 2 would only result in a Pawn to the bad, without any clear advantage in view.

13 B—K Kt 5
.....If at once B—Q B 4, then 14 Kt—R 4, driving off the hostile Bishop.

14 Q—B 2 14 B—Q B 4
15 Kt—Kt 3

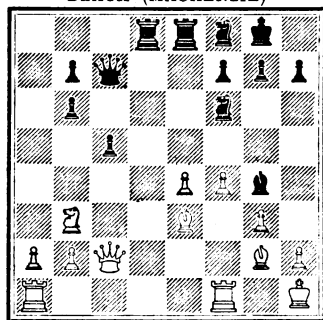
White's way of getting rid of the King's Bishop is more practical than, e.g., 15 K Kt—K 2, R—Q 1; 16 P—K R 3! B—B 1; 17 P—K 5, K Kt—Q 2, because then White's objective would be too much revealed.

15 B—Kt 3
16 Kt—R 4
Here, as also two moves later, White is not in a hurry to play P—B 5, with a view to winning the Queen's Bishop. He is bent, above all, on stopping a counter-attack.

16 Q R—Q 1
17 Kt×B 17 P×Kt
.....If Q×Kt, 18 B—Q 2; and the threat of B—R 5 gains a very important tempo.

18 B—K 3 18 P—B 4

BLACK (MACKENZIE)



WHITE (TARTAKOVER)

.....After B—B 4, 19 Kt—Q 2 (19 B×P, Q×B; 20 P×B would not be sufficient), Kt—Q 4;

20 B—B 1, Kt—Kt 5; 21 Q—B 3,
two Black pieces would be *en prise*.

19 P—B 5! 19 Q—Q 3!

.....Now, and with the following moves, Black very prettily avoids the loss of a piece. Bad would have been Q—K 2, because of 20 B—Kt 5; or Kt—R 4, because of 20 B—B 4, Kt×B; 21 R×Kt, B—R 4; 22 R—R 4, etc.

20 B—B 4 20 Q—Q 6

21 Q×Q 21 R×Q

22 Q R—K 1

22 P—K R 3, B—R 4; 23 R—B 2, R—Q 8 ch or 23 K R—K 1, Kt×P! would have proved disappointing for White.

22 Kt—R 4!

.....If K R—Q 1, then simply 23 B—B 7, R—B 1; 24 B×P, Kt—Q 2; 25 B—R 5, with a Pawn ahead and a very superior game.

23 Kt—B 1

After 23 P—K R 3, Kt×B White gets nothing at all. Best perhaps was 23 B—B 7, which Black's next move prevents.

23 R—Q 2

24 B—K 3 24 K R—Q 1

25 P—K 5 25 R—Q 8

26 R×R 26 R×R

27 R×R 27 B×R

28 K B×P

.....Black has saved the loss of the piece; but here is just "the Pawn plus," which decides the game; not to mention the two Bishops, which White is able to keep to the end. The termination is quite interesting, for the Birmingham crack defends himself with remarkable tenacity.

28 P—Kt 3

.....Not yet Kt—Q 2, for then 29 Kt—Q 3, B—B 7 (or B—K 7); 30 B—B 6, Kt—Kt 1; 31 B—K 4—or 30.., Kt (Q 2)—B 3; 31 Kt—K 1 or Kt—B 4, threatening two pieces.

29 P—B 6 29 Kt—Q 2

30 Kt—Q 3 30 B—K 7

.....If B—B 7, then Kt—K 1, B—B 4; 32 B—B 4, and everything is defended.

31 Kt—B 4

Naturally not 31 B—B 6 Kt (Q 2)×B P; 32 Kt—B 1, Kt

—Kt 5, winning back the Pawn. In answer to the text-move 31.., Kt×Kt; 32 P×Kt leaves White with a formidable Pawn-formation.

31 B—Q 8

32 Kt×Kt 32 B×Kt

33 B—B 4 33 B—Kt 5

34 K—Kt 2

The last phase of the game, in which the King now takes a part.

34 B—K 3

35 P—Q R 3 35 P—K Kt 4!

36 B×P 36 Kt×K P

37 B—Q 2!

So as to answer the threat of Kt—Q 6 with 38 B—Q B 3.

37 Kt—B 5

38 B—Q B 3 38 Kt—Q 3

39 B—B 6 39 B—B 4

40 K—B 3 40 P—R 3

41 K—B 4

Simpler would have been B—Q 5.

41 B—Q 6

42 K—K 5

Again 42 B—Q 5 is the move. If then K—R 2; 43 K—K 5, Kt—B 5 ch; 44 B×Kt, B×B; 45 K—Q 6, and White has an easy win, in spite of the Bishops of opposite colours. But White, too, is looking for complications!

42 Kt—B 5 ch

43 K—Q 5 43 K—R 2

.....A trap. If 44 B—Kt 5? Kt×Kt P.

44 P—Q R 4 44 Kt—K 6 ch

45 K—Q 6 45 K—Kt 3

.....If Kt—B 5 ch, then 46 K—K 7. If Kt—B 8; 46 B—Kt 2, Kt×R P; 47 K—B 7, with an easy win.

46 K—B 7 46 Kt—B 5

47 B—Kt 5 47 K—B 4

48 P—Kt 3 48 Resigns

The general impression which this game gives is that the "hyper-modern" strategy of the King's Bishop on fianchetto may become, when well handled, a terrible weapon, dominating the whole struggle.

[May we add a remark from a note which, if our memory serves is by one of the "hyper-moderns"—"*Die Flankierung des Läufers ist augenblicklich Trumpf*"?—Translator.]

GAME No. 5,352.

Played in the third round. Notes by E. G. Sergeant.

Sicilian Defence.

- | WHITE | BLACK |
|----------------|-------------------|
| E. G. SERGEANT | Dr. S. TARTAKOVER |
| 1 P—K 4 | 1 P—Q B 4 |
| 2 Kt—K B 3 | 2 P—K 3 |
| 3 P—Q 4 | 3 P×P |
| 4 Kt×P | 4 P—Q R 3 |
| 5 Kt—B 3 | 5 Q—B 2 |

.....Black pursues a system of defence advocated by Louis Paulsen, and since revived in modern Tournament play.

6 B—Q 3

Usually the best square for the White King's Bishop in the Sicilian is K 2, but B—Q 3 is good here in view of Black's delayed development. There is hope of an attack on the King's side.

7 B—Q 2

6 B—Kt 5 ?

8 Q—Kt 4

7 Kt—Q B 3

This compels Black to weaken his King's side by P—K Kt 3, or to retreat the Bishop and seems justifiable. Black's reply Kt—K 2 is not good, he gets no compensation for the lost Pawn.

9 Kt×Kt

8 K Kt—K 2 ?

10 Q×Kt P

9 Q P×Kt

11 Q—Q 4

10 R—K Kt 1

Much better than taking the Rook's Pawn, which would leave the White Queen in jeopardy after B—Q 2 and Castling on the Queen's side for Black. Black is now embarrassed for moves and next move deprives his King's side of the aid of the Bishop.

12 Q—B 6

11 P—B 4

13 B—K B 4

12 R×P

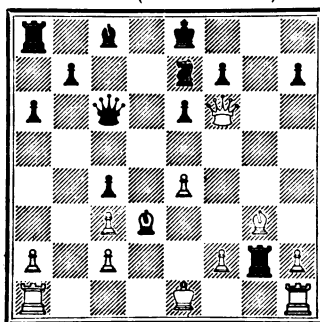
The adventurous Rook is now doomed.

- | | |
|-----------|------------|
| 14 P×B | 13 B×Kt ch |
| 15 B—Kt 3 | 14 Q—B 3 |
| | 15 P—B 5 |

.....The continuation he had in view when taking the Knight. But his lack of development enables White to make a successful counter-demonstration. After Castling it is evident that Black is without resource.

Position after 15.., P—B 5.

BLACK (TARTAKOVER)



WHITE (SERGEANT)

- | | |
|----------------|----------|
| 16 Q—R 8 ch | 16 K—Q 2 |
| 17 Castles Q R | 17 R×B |
| 18 R P×R | 18 P×B |
| 19 R×Q P ch | 19 K—B 2 |
| 20 Q—Q 8 ch | |

Q—K 5 ch followed by winning the Queen might have been more quickly decisive.

- | | |
|-----------|-------------|
| 21 Q×Kt | 20 K—Kt 1 |
| 22 R×P | 21 K—R 2 |
| 23 P—K 5 | 22 R—Kt 1 |
| 24 R×P | 23 Q—B 5 |
| 25 Q—B 7 | 24 K—R 1 |
| 26 R—Q 8 | 25 Q×R P |
| 27 K—Q 2 | 26 Q—R 6 ch |
| 28 R×B | 27 Q—R 7 |
| 29 K—B 1 | 28 Q—Q 4 ch |
| 30 K—Kt 2 | 29 Q—R 8 ch |
| | 30 Resigns |

GAME No. 5,353.

Played in the fifth round. Notes by R. P. Michell.

WHITE
R. P. MICHELL

- 1 P—Q 4
2 Kt—K B 3
3 P—K R 3

BLACK
H. E. PRICE

- 1 Kt—K B 3
2 P—K Kt 3

In order that Black shall not be able to force the exchange of Bishop for Knight by Kt—R 4 when the Bishop goes to B 4.

- 4 B—B 4
5 P—K 3
6 P—Q B 4

3 B—Kt 2

4 P—Q 3

5 Castles

6 P—Q B 4

.....Black can, if he wishes, arrange for the ultimate advance of P—K 4 by such moves as R—K 1, Kt—Q 2, etc. White reckons in such event to retire the Queen's Bishop to R 2, where it will maintain pressure on the King's Pawn, or have greater scope if the Pawn advances to K 5.

- 7 Kt—Q B 3
8 B—K 2
9 P×P
10 Castles
11 R—K 1
12 B—R 2

7 P—Q Kt 3

8 P×P

9 P—K R 3

10 Q Kt—Q 2

11 B—Kt 2

White played this move with some reluctance—it seems a waste of time to retreat the Bishop when it is not, and may never be, attacked—but he was troubled by possible variations where Kt—R 4 attacking the Bishop and simultaneously opening the range of Black's King's Bishop would give Black counter-attacking chances.

- 13 P—Q 5
14 B—B 1

12 R—Q B 1

13 Kt—B 4

14 P—Q R 3

.....There hardly seems sufficient reason at this point for this move.

- 15 R—Q B 1
16 Q—Q 2

15 Kt—K 1

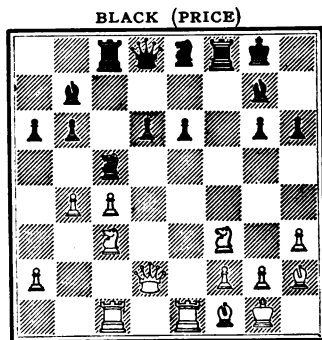
16 P—K 4

17 P×P e.p. 17 P×P

.....In effect this commits Black to giving White the opportunity of the sacrifice which follows at move 20, as otherwise after this move a valuable Pawn would be lost.

18 P—Q Kt 4

Position after 18 P—Q Kt 4.



WHITE (MICHELL)

- 19 R×B
20 Q×R P
21 Q×P ch

18 K B×Kt

19 Kt—K 5

20 Kt×R

21 K—R 1

.....If Kt—Kt 2, Kt—Kt 5 is a winning move because Black's King's Rook's second cannot be guarded.

22 Kt—Kt 5 22 R—Q B 2

.....If Q—Q 2 or K 2 White replies with R×P.

23 Kt×K P 23 Q—K 2

.....If Q—B 3, White wins by Kt×K R as the Knight will then be protecting his Queen.

24 R—K 3 24 R—Kt 1

.....Kt—K 5 seems best. White then intended Kt×K R followed by R×Kt, etc., with three passed Pawns and a good position for the exchange.

- 25 Kt×R
26 Q—R 6 ch
27 Q×Q ch

25 Kt—K 5

26 Q—R 2

27 Resigns

GAME No. 5,354.

From the final round. Notes (except that initialled) specially contributed by D. Przepiorka.

Queen's Gambit Declined.

WHITE
D. PRZEPIORKA

BLACK
Dr. A. SEITZ

1 P—Q 4 1 P—Q 4
2 P—Q B 4 2 P—Q B 4

.....This is a line of play investigated by Dr. Tarrasch. White's reply here is the best.

3 B P × P 3 Q × P
4 Kt—K B 3 4 P × P
5 Kt—B 3 5 Q—Q R 4
6 Kt × P 6 Kt—K B 3
7 Kt—Kt 3! 7 Q—B 2
8 P—Kt 3 8 P—K 4

.....Q—B 3 is useless, because of 9 P—K 4. (Black could however play 8... Kt—B 3; 9 B—Kt 2, B—Kt 5; and 10... R—Q 1, developing his King's side last. —J.H.B.)

9 B—Kt 2 9 B—K B 4
10 Castles

White has now an obviously superior position, especially with the long diagonal for his King's Bishop.

11 Kt—Kt 5 10 Kt—B 3
11 Q—Kt 3?

.....Better Q—Kt 1, but even then 12 B—K 3, P—Q R 3; 13 Kt—B 3, with a very marked advantage and a hold over the square Q B 5.

12 Kt—Q 6 ch 12 B × Kt
13 Q × B

Threatening to win the King's Pawn.

14 B × Kt! 13 Kt—K 5
15 B—K 3 14 B × B
16 Q—R 3 15 Q—Q 1

White is bent on preventing Black Castling into safety.

16 Q—K 2

17 B—B 5 17 Q—K 3
18 K R—Q 1 18 P—B 3

.....Endeavouring to make a flight square for the King.

19 Q—R 4! 19 B—B 7

.....Had Black played B—Q 4, it was White's intention to continue 20 Kt—R 5 and if P—Q Kt 3, 21 P—K 4!

20 R—Q 6 20 Q—B 4
21 Q—Q B 4

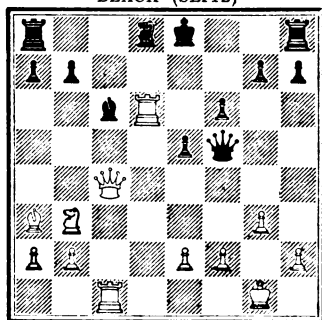
Still preventing Black's Castling.

21 Kt—Q 1
22 R—Q B 1 22 B—K 5
23 B—R 3! 23 B—B 3

.....Forced.

Position after 23... B—B 3.

BLACK (SEITZ)



WHITE (PRZEPIORKA)

24 Kt—B 5!

White's last two moves are an exact illustration of the "Indian" theme in problems—a very rare manoeuvre in actual over-the-board play. Black has now no sufficient defence.

24 Q—Kt 3
25 Q R—Q 1 25 P—Kt 4
.....Sheer desperation.
26 R × Kt ch 26 Resigns

GAME No. 5,355.

Played in the recent all-Russian tournament. Notes by J. H. Blake.

French Defence.

WHITE
A. ILJIN-SHENEVSKY BLACK
N. NENAROKOFF

- 1 P—K 4 1 P—K 3
2 P—Q 4 2 Kt—Q B 3

.....Not recommendable so early, if only on the ground that in many variations of this opening he requires freedom for his Queen's Bishop's Pawn.

- 3 Kt—K B 3 3 P—Q 4
4 Kt—B 3 4 B—Kt 5
5 B—Q 3

Compare Game No. 5,330, January. The position now reached by transposition is identical with that which would have resulted from Black playing 4... Kt—Q B 3 in the game quoted.

- 6 B—K Kt 5 5 Kt—B 3
7 B×Kt 6 P—K R 3
8 Castles 7 Q×B
9 P×B 8 B×Kt
10 Q—K 2 9 Castles
11 Kt—Q 2 10 B—Q 2
12 P—K 5! 11 K R—Q 1?
13 P—K B 4 12 Q—K 2
13 P—B 4 13 P—B 4

.....14 P—B 5 must be prevented.

- 14 P—Kt 4 14 Q—R 5
15 P×P 15 P×P
16 K—R 1

Not 16 P—K 6, R—K 1; 17 B×P, because of the reply 17... Q—B 3, recovering the Pawn with advantage.

- 17 Q—Kt 2 16 R—K B 1
18 Q R—K 1 17 R—B 2

Capture of the Queen's Pawn would be imprudent because of 18... Kt—K 2 and 19... B—B 3.

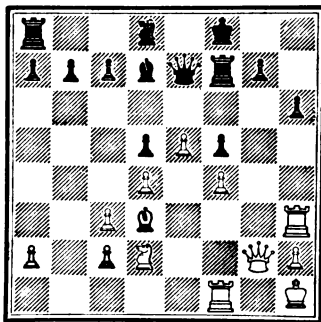
- 19 R—K 3 18 Kt—Q 1
20 R—R 3 19 Q—K 2
20 K—B 1

.....20... K—R 1 seems to promise more immediate ease, as

the Knight can then get round to K B 1; but it has the disadvantage of lending itself to sacrificial combinations later.

Position after 20... K—B 1.

BLACK (NENAROKOFF)



WHITE (ILJIN-SHENEVSKY)

- 21 Kt—B 3
Threatening 22 Kt—Kt 5.
22 Kt—R 4 21 Kt—K 3
23 B×P 22 Q—R 6
24 B×Kt 23 Q×R P
25 P—B 5 24 B×B
26 Q R—B 3 25 Q—B 5
27 P—K 6 26 B—B 1
28 R—K Kt 1 27 R—B 3
29 P×P *e.p.* 28 P—K Kt 4
30 P—Kt 7 ch 29 R×R

Of course 30 Q×R ch wins easily, but White is determined not to allow Black to escape from the mating net.

- 31 Q×R 30 K—Kt 1
32 Kt—Kt 6 31 B×P
Threatening 33 Q—B 8 ch.
33 Kt—B 8 ch 32 K—R 2
34 Kt×B 33 K—Kt 1
34 K—R 2

White mates in three.

GAME NO. 5,356.

Played at the Northern congress at Copenhagen. Notes (after the first three) based upon those by A. Nimzovitch in *Kagan's Neueste Schachnachrichten*.

Sicilian Defence (in effect).

WHITE
A. NIMZOVITCH

- 1 P—K B 4
2 P—K 4

BLACK
A. OLSON.

- 1 P—Q B 4

- 4 B—Kt 2
5 P—Kt 3
6 B—Kt 2
7 P—K Kt 4

The position is now the same as if, the game being opened with the Sicilian, White continued with 2 P—K B 4; a course regularly adopted by A. McDonnell in his matches with Labourdonnais, and condemned alike by his contemporaries and two subsequent generations of chess masters. The rehabilitation of the Irish players' methods is however far from White's intentions.

- 2 Kt—Q B 3

.....The French player would have sought immediate contact in the centre with 2... P—K 3; 3 Kt—K B 3, P—Q 4; 4 P—K 5 (always played by McDonnell). Had that been attempted here White's intention was 3 P—Q 3, P—Q 4; 4 Kt—Q B 3. The ruling idea (dealt with by Nimzovitch in some twelve pages of the periodical quoted in the heading) is to discover by what art and method the formation P—Q 3, P—K 4, P—K B 4 can best be prepared by White.

- 3 P—Q 3
4 P—B 4

- 3 P—K Kt 3

The "hole" thus left at Q 4 would have horrified Steinitz and his school; Nimzovitch regards it as unimportant! He explains the text move by crediting Black with an intention to play ... P—K 3; ... P—Q 4; ... Kt—Q 5, and (on White capturing this Knight with his King's Knight) ... B P×Kt, afterwards using the open file for an attack on White's Q B P; and he claims to be by the text move forestalling Black's intentions.

"The White King's Wing is here an attacking weapon and should be handled accordingly," says Nimzovitch.

- 7 P—K 3
8 B—Kt 2
9 Kt—Q Kt 5

The object is to induce Black to play ... P—Q R 3, and thus weaken his Queen's Knight's Pawn.

- 9 P—Q 3
10 P—Q R 3
11 Castles
12 Q—K 2
13 B—K 3

.....Opening the Bishop upon the King's Pawn, and thus preventing White's threatened P—Q 4.

- 14 Kt—B 2

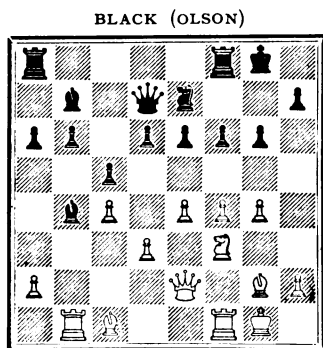
The object of this Pawn offer is primarily to get at Black's weakened Queen's Knight's Pawn with an open file, with the alternative of driving the Black Bishop off the centre diagonal to save that Pawn.

- 14 B×Kt P
15 Q R—Kt 1
16 Kt×Kt
17 B—B 1

- 15 B—B 6
16 B×Kt
17 P—B 3

.....Thinking to block out the White Bishop by... P—K 4; but he has underrated the role of White's King's Knight's Pawn, which can attack the supporting Pawn, by P—Kt 5. 17... P—Q 4; 18 B—Kt 2, P—Q 5; 19 B×P! is no better.

Position after 17..., P-B 3.



BLACK (OLSON)

WHITE (NIMZOVITCH)

18 B-Kt 2 18 P-K 4
19 P-Kt 5 19 Kt-B 3

.....If 19..., P×Kt P; 20
Kt×Kt P threatens 21 B-K R 3.
20 P×B P 20 Q-Kt 5
21 P×P 21 P×P
22 Q-K 3 22 Q-R 4
.....To cover the King's
Pawn.
23 Kt-Kt 5 23 B-B 1
.....Vainly hoping to keep
the Knight out of K 6 (after
P-B 7 ch).
24 P-B 7 ch 24 K-Kt 2
25 Q-B 4! 25 K-R 3
.....If 25..., Q-Kt 5; 26
Q-B 6 ch, K-R 3; 27 B-B 1
and wins.
26 Kt-K 6 ch 26 P×Q
27 B-Kt 7 mate

GAME No. 5.357.

Played in the quadrangular tournament at Berlin, and awarded the brilliancy prize. Notes by P. Johner from the pamphlet containing the games published by B. Kagan.

Ruy Lopez.

WHITE	BLACK
P. JOHNER	R. TEICHMANN
1 P-K 4	1 P-K 4
2 Kt-K B 3	2 Kt-Q B 3
3 B-Kt 5	3 P-Q R 3
4 B-R 4	4 Kt-B 3
5 Castles	5 P-Q Kt 4
6 B-Kt 3	6 B-K 2

.....Often played in conjunction with the preceding move, and recommended by the *Handbuch*.

7 P-Q R 4	7 P-Kt 5
8 Q-K 2	8 Castles
9 P-R 5	

With the Black Queen's Rook's Pawn as the object of attack. White's three last moves are an improvement upon the usual method.

	9 P-Q 3
10 P-B 3	10 P-R 3

.....To render the Rook at K B 1 movable, and to ward off Kt-K Kt 5 on White's part.

11 P-Q 4	11 P×B P
12 Kt P×P	12 R-Kt 1
13 B-Q B 4	13 B-Kt 5

.....13..., Kt×R P; 14 R×Kt, R×Kt; 15 P×P leads to the loss of a Pawn, but was nevertheless preferable to the text-move.

14 B-K 3

Forcing Black's reply, as 15 P-Q 5 is threatened.

15 Q B×P	14 P×P
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White will not allow Kt-Q Kt 5.

15 B-B 1

.....Black must now protect his Queen's Rook Pawn.

16 R-K 1

Forcing another retreat, by the threat of B×R P.

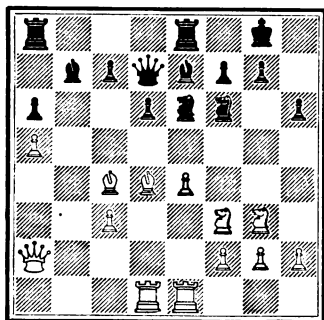
16 R-R 1

17 Kt—Q 2 17 Q—Q 2
 18 Kt—B 1 18 R—K 1
 19 Q—R 2 19 Kt—Q 1
 20 Q R—Q 1

Preparing a break-through in the centre.

20 B—Kt 2
 21 Kt—Kt 3 21 Kt—K 3
 Position after 21.., Kt—K 3.

BLACK (TEICHMANN)



WHITE (JOHNER)

22 P—K 5 22 Kt—R 2

.....The Pawn cannot be taken, because of 23 Kt×P and 24 Kt×K B P. 22.., B×Kt was just as little admissible, on account of 23 P×Kt, B×R; 24 P×B,

with the double threat of R×B and R×Kt.

23 P×P 23 B×Kt

.....Forced; for if 23... P×P; 24 R×Kt wins; and if 23... B×P; 24 Kt—K 5, B×Kt; 25 B×B, Q—B 1; 26 Kt—B 5 with overwhelming attack.

24 R×Kt! 24 B×R
 25 P×B 25 R×P

.....If 25... Q—R 5; 26 R—Kt 6, R×P (26... Q×Q; 27 R×P ch, K—R 1; 28 R×P ch, Kt—B 3; 29 B×Kt ch, K—Kt 1; 30 R—B 8 ch, K—R 2; 31 B—Q 3, Mate); 27 B×P ch follows; whilst if 25... K—R 1; 26 R×K R P threatening 27 Q—Kt 1 is decisive.

26 R—Kt 6 26 R—K 8 ch
 27 Kt—B 1 27 Kt—Kt 4

.....28 B×P ch was particularly threatened.

28 R×P ch 28 K—B 1
 29 Q—R 3 ch 29 P—Q B 4

.....After 29... Q—K 2; 30 B—B 5, Q×B; 31 Q×Q ch, K×R; 32 Q—Q 4 ch, K—Kt 1; 33 P—R 4, Black loses another piece

30 Q×P ch 30 Q—K 2
 31 Q—B 6 31 Resigns

GAME No. 5,358.

Played at Belgrade.

Ruy Lopez.

WHITE	BLACK
— SINISCHA	G. POLIAKOFF
1 P—K 4	P—K 4
2 Kt—K B 3	Kt—Q B 3
3 B—Kt 5	P—Q R 3
4 B—R 4	Kt—B 3
5 Castles	B—K 2
6 R—K 1	P—Q Kt 4
7 B—Kt 3	P—Q 4
8 P—B 3	Kt×P
9 P×P	B—K Kt 5
10 P—Q 3	Kt—B 5
11 Q Kt—Q 2	Kt×Q P
12 B—B 2	Q×B
13 B×Kt	B—R 4
14 P—K R 3	B—Kt 3
15 P—K Kt 4	Kt×Kt
16 Kt×P	

WHITE	BLACK
— SINISCHA	G. POLIAKOFF
17 R×Kt	Q—Q 2
18 Q—K 2	B—Q 3
19 R—K 3	B—Q B 4
20 R—Kt 3	K R—K 1
21 Q—B 3	R—K 8 ch
22 K—Kt 2	Q R—K 1
23 P—Q Kt 4	B×B P
24 K×B	Q—K 3!
25 K—Kt 2	Q—Kt 3
26 K—R 2	Q R—K 7 ch
27 R—Kt 2	Q—Kt 8 ch
28 K—Kt 3	R×R ch
29 Q×R	R—K 6 ch
30 Kt—B 3	R×Kt ch
31 K×R	B—K 5 ch
Resigns	

GAME No. 5,359.

Played in a simultaneous exhibition at Philadelphia.

King's Bishop's Gambit.

WHITE		BLACK		WHITE		BLACK	
J. R. CAPABLANCA	A. H. BECKMAN.	J. R. CAPABLANCA	A. H. BECKMAN	J. R. CAPABLANCA	A. H. BECKMAN	J. R. CAPABLANCA	A. H. BECKMAN
1 P—K 4	P—K 4	12 Kt—B 3	B—Kt 5				
2 P—K B 4	P×P	13 R—K 1	B×Kt ch				
3 B—B 4	P—Q 4	14 Q×B	Q×R				
4 B×P	Q—R 5 ch	15 B×P	Q—K 3				
5 K—B 1	P—K Kt 4	16 P—Q 5	Q—K 4				
6 Kt—Q B 3	B—Kt 2	17 B—B 4	Q—K 2				
7 P—Q 4	Kt—K 2	18 Q—Q 3	Kt—Q 2				
8 P—K Kt 3	P×P	19 P—Q 6	P×P				
9 K—Kt 2	Kt×B	20 B×P	Q—K 3				
10 P×P?	Kt×Kt	21 K—B 2	Castles				
11 P×Kt	Q×K P ch	22 R—K 1	Kt—K 4				
		Resigns					

GAME No. 5,360.

Played in the Tournament at Győr.

Queen's Pawn Irregular.

WHITE		BLACK		WHITE		BLACK	
Dr. ASZTALOS	A. STEINER	Dr. ASZTALOS	A. STEINER	Dr. ASZTALOS	A. STEINER	Dr. ASZTALOS	A. STEINER
1 P—Q 4	Kt—K B 3	22 B—Kt 3	R—K 2	23 R—K 2	B—Kt 4	24 P—Kt 3	R—B 2
2 P—Q B 4	P—K Kt 3	25 R—B 2	Q—Kt 3	26 R×R	Q×R	27 R—K B 1	B—B 3
3 Kt—Q B 3	B—Kt 2	28 Q—Kt 4	K—Kt 2	29 R—B 1	Q—Q 1	30 B—Q 5	P—Q Kt 4
4 P—K 4	P—Q 3	31 P—R 3	B—Kt 4	32 R—B 8	Q—K 2	33 R—Q Kt 8	Q—B 2
5 P—B 4	Castles	34 R—Kt 7	Q—B 8 ch	35 K—R 2	P—Q R 3	36 R×P ch	K—R 3
6 Kt—B 3	B—Kt 5	37 Q—Q 7	Kt—B 3	38 Q×Q P	Kt×P	39 Q—B 8 ch	K—R 4
7 B—K 3	Q Kt—Q 2	40 R×P ch	B—R 3	41 Q—B 3 ch	K—Kt 4	42 P—R 4	Mate
8 B—Q 3	P—K 4						
9 B P×P	P×P						
10 P—Q 5	Kt—R 4						
11 P—K R 3	B×Kt						
12 Q×B	Q—K 2						
13 Castles Q R	Kt—B 4						
14 B—B 2	Q R—K 1						
15 K R—K 1	B—B 3						
16 P—Q 6!	P×P						
17 Kt—Q 5	Q—K 3						
18 Kt—B 7	Q×B P						
19 Kt×R	R×Kt						
20 K—Kt 1	B—R 5						
21 B×Kt	Q×B						

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

B. E. SIEGHEIM, LONDON.—We note that you played a game similar to No. 5,336 at the Manhattan Club in 1899; but with the termination 12..., Q—R 3 ch; 13 K—Q 4, Q—Q Kt 3 ch; 14 K×P, B—B 4; 15 Kt×Kt, B—K 3 mate. This is no doubt sounder than the play of M. Crépeaux in the later example, because after 12..., Q—B 7 ch; 13 K—Q 3, B—B 4, White could have continued 14 Kt×Kt, P×Kt ch; 15 K—B 3, and Black's win is not at all easy.

PROBLEM WORLD.

BY B. G. LAWS AND G. W. CHANDLER.

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BRITISH CHESS PROBLEM SOCIETY.

Mr. G. W. Chandler gave at St. Bride's Institute on the 23rd ult. his previously announced lecture: "A Great British Composer," the subject being Mr. P. F. Blake. In a most instructive manner the lecturer exhibited with explanatory remarks about thirty problems—two-, three- and four-movers which illustrated the remarkable versatility of Mr. Blake, who shares with Mr. G. Heathcote the distinction of being at the head of the exponents of English problem composition. Indeed it was remarked that he takes an honoured stand in the front rank of the world's composers, with the special characteristic that his work is generally typically English brought up to date. Mr. Chandler had the advantage of making his discourse additionally interesting by having secured the expression in writing of Mr. Blake's views on construction with particular reference to the comparative styles affected by Continental and British composers. The audience felt the two hours taken was really insufficient to do the subject full justice, so engagingly did Mr. Chandler present his points.

The next fixture in the season's programme is a paper by B. G. Laws, entitled "Chess Problem Solos," to be given on Friday 20th inst., at St. Bride's Institute, St. Bride Lane, Fleet Street, as usual. Possibly the title does not convey much to many and it may be well to intimate that it will be a display with running comments of problems in which the piece making the key-move continues in activity till the mate. Many of these problems are amusing.

Members are always invited to bring friends to these meetings.

B.C.P.S. SOLVING TOURNEY.

The Society's Sixth Solving Tourney starts with the four problems given to-day. There will be twelve in all, but the committee reserve the right to give additional problems if necessary.

There will be three cash prizes of 30/-, 20/- and 10/-, with additional book prizes at the discretion of the committee.

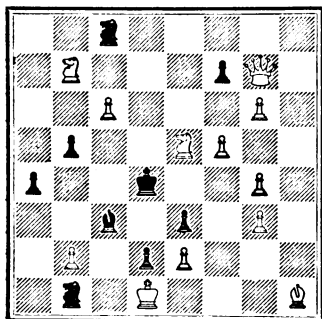
Points will be awarded as follows: In three-movers—Ten points for each key move, and two points for each distinct second move. In four-movers—Fifteen points for each key-move, two points for each distinct second move, and one point for each distinct third move. Proof of impossible position will score ten points, and correct claim of no solution the same as would have been awarded had the problem been correct. No points will be given for dual continuations or short mates. In unsound problems only key-moves will score, but such problems will not be inserted intentionally.

The tournament is open to members and hon. members of the B.C.P.S. Others who wish to compete should enclose an application for membership with their solutions.

Solutions should be posted by the 15th March, 1925, to Mr. D. Pirnie, 10 Northwood Road, Highgate, London, N.6. Solvers are particularly requested not to send more analysis than the above rules require.

No. 1. By J. MÖLLER.

BLACK (9): K d4; B c3; Kt b1, c8; P a4, b5, d2, e3, f7.

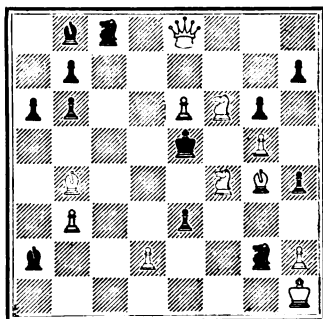


WHITE (12): K d1; Q g7; B h1; Kt b7, c5; P b2, c6, e2, f5, g3, g4, g6.

White mates in three moves.

No. 2. By B. PRIKRYL.

BLACK (12): K e5; B a2, b8; Kt c8, g2; P a6, b6, b7, e3, g6, h4, h7.

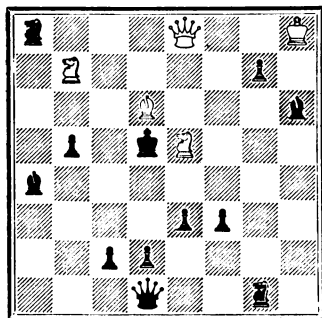


WHITE (11): K h1; Q e8; B b4, g4; Kt f4, f6; P b3, d2, e6, g5, h2.

White mates in three moves.

No. 3. By L. VETESNIK.

BLACK (12): K d5; Q d1; B a4, h6; Kt a8, g1; P b5, c2, d2, e3, f3, g7.

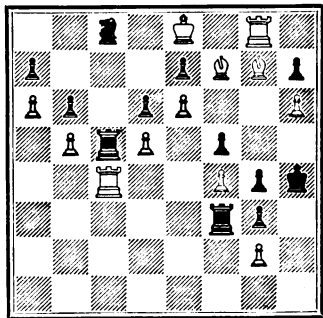


WHITE (5): K h8; Q e8; B d6; Kt b7, e5.

White mates in four moves.

No. 4. By P. A. ORLIMONT.

BLACK (12): K h4; R c5, f3; Kt c8; P a7, b6, d6, e7, f5, g3, g4, h7.



WHITE (12): K e8; R c4, g8; B f7, g7; P a6, b5, d5, e6, f4, g2, h6.

White mates in four moves.

REVIEW.

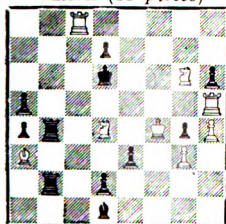
Simple Two-move Themes. This volume, to which we made a preliminary reference last month, is the twentieth yearly book connected with problems which Mr. Alain C. White has caused to be distributed at Christmas. These with sundry other similar publications form a most useful and edifying library, most helpful to the student of the problem art. We believe this latest addition to problem literature is his fourth treatise dealing exclusively with two-movers, and it contains an intimation that in future attention will be directed to the working-up of similar comprehensive outlines for the chess problem as a whole. We have nothing but admiration for the excellent manner in which Dr. Bonner-Feast, in collaboration with Mr. White, has presented the various matters relating to two-move composition. There are one hundred groups of six problems, each faced with explanatory comments, and one does not find a dull paragraph nor a sentence which is not intelligible, notwithstanding in some cases the subject requires rather technical handling. The zealous student will be immensely benefited by the valuable classification of ideas exemplified, and many may well marvel that the simple two-mover lends itself to so many graded distinctions and forms. Although the term "simple" has been used in the title, there are many illustrations of rather complex presentments, but the information conveyed in these 218 pages is so ample and thorough, that no one can experience any uneasiness in applying the principles enunciated to work of more elaborate pretensions. An acceptable feature is, in addition to the table of Contents, the inclusion of a General Index which takes up twelve pages; this will be found to be most useful for reference purposes and should be the means of smoothing the path of the novice to an intelligent understanding of nearly every phase of the subject. Everything in the book is well ordered, and the authors, with Mr. G. Hume, whose editing is beyond reproach, must be congratulated in producing such an illustrious Guide and Praxis.

The book is issued from the office of *The Chess Amateur*, Stroud, and in every respect its turn-out is admirable.

"SKAKBLADETS" PROBLEM TOURNEY, 1924.

First Prize.
By K. A. K. LARSEN
(Copenhagen).

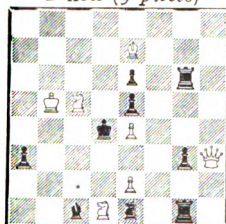
BLACK (11 pieces)



WHITE (8 pieces)
Mate in three.

Second Prize.
By F. SIMHOVICI
(Roumania).

BLACK (9 pieces)



WHITE (7 pieces)
Mate in three.

Third Prize.
By K. A. L. KUBBEL
(Leningrad).

BLACK (11 pieces)



WHITE (10 pieces)
Mate in three.

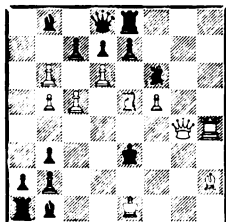
"FRÄNKISCHEN VOLKSBLÄTTES" PROBLEM TOURNEY.

Self-mates.

First Prize.

By H. ROHR.

BLACK (13 pieces)



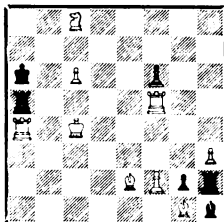
WHITE (10 pieces)

White self-mates in three.

Second Prize.

By H. ROHR.

BLACK (6 pieces)



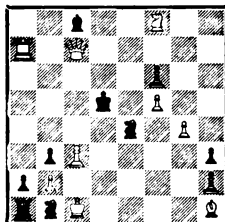
WHITE (9 pieces)

White self-mates in three.

Third Prize.

By W. VON PITTLER.

BLACK (10 pieces)



WHITE (9 pieces)

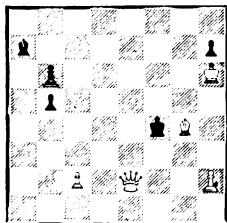
White self-mates in three.

PROBLEM COINCIDENCES.

Dr. E. Palkoska in *Narodni Politika* has pointed out the resemblance which the second prize problem by W. Steib, in the Budapest

Chess Club Tourney (see *B.C.M.*, December last, p. 524) has to a three-mover by the late Rev. J. Jespersen, published in 1911. When we saw W. Steib's position we connected it with a fairly well-known two-mover by the late S. Loyd, and as a matter of interest we submit these two positions.

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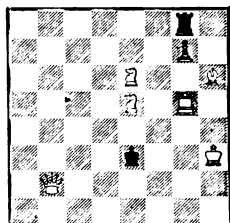


WHITE (5 pieces)

Mate in three.

By S LOYD, 1892.

BLACK (3 pieces)

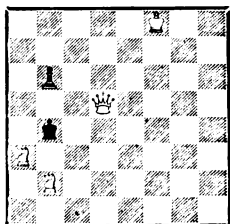


WHITE (6 pieces)

Mate in two.

On looking over the problems in the December *Magyar Sakkvilag* we noticed another case, more pronounced, of a clever miniature being anticipated. The annexed three-mover appears as the work of T. Schönberger, marked "first publication." It differs only in the position of the White King from a popular light-weight three-mover by the late P. H. Williams, given in *777 Chess Miniatures in Three*, No. 704, and recorded as being published in 1901. Some of these cases call for explanation, but here it is not impossible that the duplication is the result of getting the best results from the limited pieces engaged.

BLACK (2 pieces).



WHITE (4 pieces)

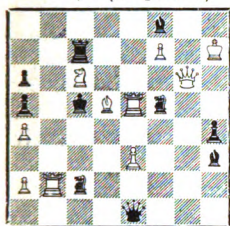
Mate in three.

DUTCH EAST-INDIAN CHESS ASSOCIATION INTERNATIONAL PROBLEM TOURNEY, 1924.

From *Tidschrift van den Nederlandsche-Indischen Schaakbond*.

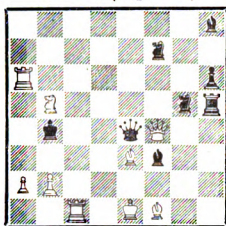
Two-movers.

First Prize.
By K. A. K. LARSEN.
(Copenhagen).
BLACK (10 pieces)



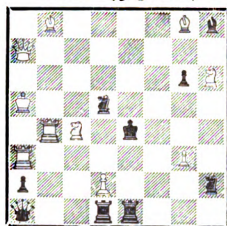
WHITE (10 pieces)
Mate in two.

Second Prize.
By J. J. RIETVELD
(Kesteren).
BLACK (8 pieces)



WHITE (9 pieces)
Mate in two.

Third Prize.
By J. HARTONG
(Rotterdam).
BLACK (9 pieces)

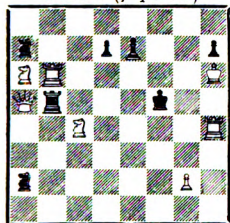


WHITE (10 pieces)
Mate in two.

Hon. Mentions: J. J. Rietveld (2) and E. G. Schüller. Com-
mended: The Hong Oe and Vesz Tibor (2).

Three-movers.

First Prize.
By J. J. RIETVELD
(Kesteren).
BLACK (7 pieces)



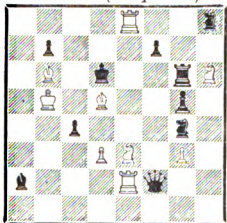
WHITE (7 pieces)
Mate in three.

Second Prize.
By K. A. L. KUBBEL
(Leningrad).
BLACK (11 pieces)



WHITE (11 pieces)
Mate in three.

Third Prize.
By J. E. CAUVEREN
(Doetinchem).
BLACK (10 pieces)



WHITE (9 pieces)
Mate in three.

Hon. mentions: K. Erlin and O. Nemo (joint), M. Niemeijer and
J. J. Rietveld (joint), and P. Keirans. Commed: G. Schüller,
L. Vetesnik (2) and A. Kubbel.

No fewer than 68 two-movers and 58 three-movers competed, so
it will be realised the judge, Mr. Alain C. White had no easy task.

Chess Circle of Genova (Luigi Centurini) announce a two-move
Tourney in memory of the late Giorgio Guidelli. Entries must
reach Sr. Attilio Luiselli, Casella Postale 1207, Genova, Italy, by
30th June next, each position to be sent in duplicate with the usual
motto and sealed envelope. The problems will be adjudicated by
Mr. A. C. White Prizes: first, 400 lire; second, 150, and 3rd, 100.

CASTLING IN PROBLEMS.

The letter from Mr. W. S. Branch, who was at one time the popular and successful chess editor of the *Cheltenham Examiner*, given last month on page 42, came to hand after our remarks on the preceding page were in type.

We cannot see that luck in chess has anything to do with its scientific accuracy. When one is dealing with problems no other element than mathematical exactness is considered—luck and probabilities are more than adverse to the inviolate canons of problem construction which necessarily must include the corollary of solution. We maintain that chess fundamentally is a precise science, but obviously one must realise the human mind is unequal to master its complete truths in the playing of a game—with problems it is vastly different, everything in a sound problem is arranged with exactitude and no outside influences destroy its perfection.

Mr. H. D'O Bernard, whilst being in accord with the views we have expressed upon this subject, has suggested that if it is generally considered desirable to admit the feature of Castling in problems, a compromise might be accepted by allowing the privilege only to Black, his reason being that the Defence should be permitted the utmost opportunity of putting up the strongest resistance available against the Attack

SOLVERS' SCORE—"LADDER" COMPETITION.

Problems (December) 2,495 to 2,498 inclusive.

Dr. R. Tennant Bruce (455) 5-5-10-20 (495); †A. T. Cannell (95) 5-5-10-20 (135); J. Chadwick (Sydney) (100); *R. W. Clark (Canada) (830) 10-5-10-20 (875); *W. H. Cutland (230) 5-5-10-20 (270); **F. J. Dennis (495 + 20 Nov.=515) 5-5-0-20 (545); J. C. Derlien (525) 10-5-10-20 (570); G. Fegent (770) 5-5-0-0 (780); *C. Folley (265) 5-5-10-20 (305); **Albert Haddy (145) 10-5-10-40 (210); **W. F. Herbert (510) 0-5-10-20 (545); Rev. F. O'D. Hoare (305) 5-5-10-20 (345); A. Galbraith (50) 0 5 0 0 (55); †G. Stillingfleet Johnson (430) 10-5-10-20 (475); N. V. Joshi (Pusa, India) (290 + 20 Nov.=310) 5-5-10-20 (350); **Frederick Lee (640) 10-5-10-40 (705); *J. A. Lewis (195) 5-5-10-20 (235); *Hubert Lees (Auckland) (350) 5-5-10-10 (380); T. W. R. Leistikow (255); Rev. N. Munro (325) 5-5-10-20 (365); R. J. Minns (630); D. Murray (315) 5-5-0-0 (325); *Johannes Nielson (0) 5-5-10-20 (40); **A. Peacock (485) 5-5-0-20 (515); E. W. Punnett (20) 5-5-0-20 (50); T. Rosenfeld (265); F. W. Syberg (20) 5-5-0-0 (30); R. G. Thomson (550); *O. L. Telling (Monte Carlo) (50) 5-5-10-20 (90); "Tiro" (Ribe, Denmark) (250) 10-5-10-0 (275); R. G. Tyzack (85); A. A. Vaughan (50) 5-5-10-20 (90); *Rev. E. Wells (20); M. E. L. Wills (Gibraltar) (55); *W. A. Way (Malay States) (240 + 30 Nov.=270).

R. W. Clark (Canada) is clearly ahead of all our solvers in the December totals. We admire the regular despatch of his solutions to reach us in time to be acknowledged with those of home solvers.

SOLUTIONS.

No. 2,495, by C. Mansfield.—Author's intention, 1 B—Q 7. This beautifully constructed two-er was originally submitted with the White Bishop at R 3, allowing a cook by 1 Q—Kt 4. The author's last-minute amendment let in cooks by 1 Q—Kt 5 and 1 Q—B 7. This is most unfortunate for it would appear that the problem could easily be corrected as per diagram appended.

No. 2,496, by F. Somma.—1 Kt—K 3. Well constructed and well balanced. The mainplay with its thematic key is excellent. Minor variations are accurately worked in with strict regard to economy. We hope the author will send us further problems of as high a standard.

No. 2,497, by M. Bukofzer.—1 Kt—Kt 5. If 1... P×Kt; 2 (threat) R×P, etc. If 1... K×R; 2 B—Kt 7 ch. If 1... Kt—Q 5 or B 5; 2 B×P ch. Although on the heavy side there is much to admire, the threat being particularly good. The self-blocks with the Black Knight are also pleasing, but their introduction entails a considerable Black force.

No. 2,498, by N. M. Gibbins.—1 K—Kt 1, threatening 2 Q—B 5, P—K 7; 3 Kt—B 2 ch. If 1... P—K 7; 2 Kt—Kt 5 ch, K—Kt 6; 3 Q—Q 3. 1... Kt—K 2; 2 Q×Kt, P—K —; 3 Q—R 3 ch. If 2... Kt—Kt 5 ch. Cooked by 1 Kt—B 3! followed by 2 Q—K 4 or 2 Q—B 5. If 1... P—K 7; 2 Q—Q 3 ch. Another problem that is well worth correction.

Mr. C. H. Brockelbank, in sending the two solutions, quotes in his letter the adjoining three-mover by K. S. Howard, which appeared in the *London Observer* on 24th August last. It may be interesting to our solvers and particularly to Mr. Gibbins to compare. No suggestion of imitation or copying is made by Mr. Brockelbank.

By K. Nielsen (p. 44).—1 Kt—Kt 6, R×Kt; 2 Q×K P ch. If 1... R×R; 2 Kt—K 6 dis ch. If 1... R—KR 8, Q 8 or Q Kt 8; 2 R—B 4 ch. If 1... P×Kt, P—K 4 or others; 2 Kt—B 3 dis ch. A sparkling three-mover with four nice model mates, that with the Queen's Bishop's Pawn being very uncommon and also amusing. The play is interesting and the key quite good.

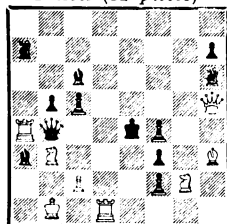
By C. Christensen (p. 44).—1 B—R 8, P—B 4; 2 Q×Kt P. If 1... P—B 3; 2 Q—R 7. If 1... K Kt moves; 2 Kt—B 4 ch. If 1... B—B 6; 2 Q×B, If 1... others; 2 Q—R 2. As Black threatens to cripple the power of the Queen's Bishop by 1... B—B 6, the key-move is not really difficult to see, though its destination may cause some hesitancy. The quiet sacrifices of the Queen are artistically introduced and altogether it is a pleasing work.

By P. Wahlmark (p. 44).—1 Q—R 7, K×Kt; 2 Q×F (Kt 3). If 1... Kt×Q or Kt—R 4; 2 Kt×P ch. If 1... K—Kt 5; 2 Q×Kt P ch. If 1... others; 2 Q×R P ch. A fair key but there is small variety of merit. The Black Bishop seems to be needed only to stop a dual mate after the commonplace continuation following 1... K—Kt 5.

By N. Kovacs (p. 44).—1 Q—Kt 8. A mutate of not striking pretensions, and it differs from most two-movers of its class in that the key-move is a very natural one to make.

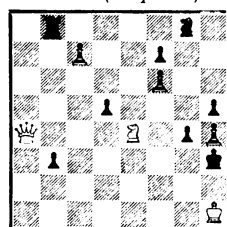
By O. Nagy (p. 44).—1 P—Q 7. Rather puzzling to solve. It is not a Change-Mate, however, but a "Block-Threat." The key is an unlikely one and some of the play well blended.

By C. MANSFIELD.
BLACK (12 pieces)



WHITE (8 pieces)
Mate in two.

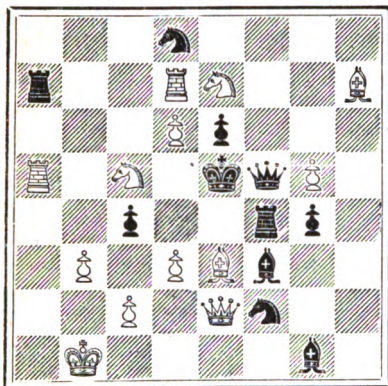
BLACK (11 pieces)



WHITE (3 pieces)
Mate in three.

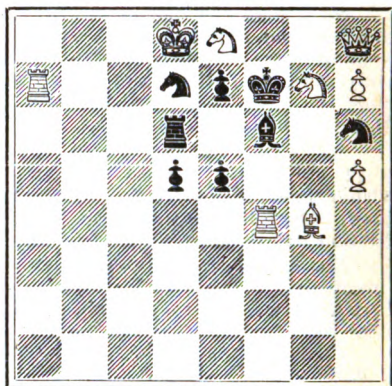
ORIGINAL PROBLEMS

No. 2,503.

By T. V. WALKER
(Crook, Durham).BLACK (11 *pieces*)WHITE (13 *pieces*)

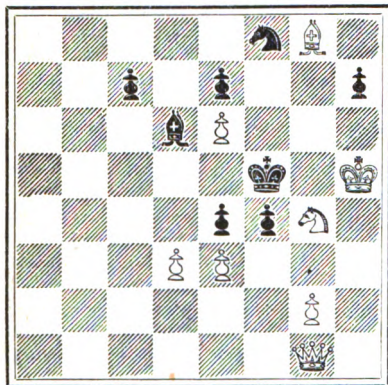
White mates in two moves.

No. 2,504.

By A. MARI
(Genoa).BLACK (8 *pieces*)WHITE (9 *pieces*)

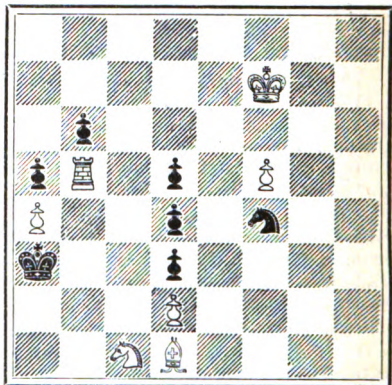
White mates in two moves.

No. 2,505.

By D. PRZEPIORKA.
(Munich).BLACK (8 *pieces*).WHITE (8 *pieces*)

White mates in three moves.

No. 2,506.

By F. SIMHOVICI
(Roumania).BLACK (7 *pieces*)WHITE (7 *pieces*)

White mates in four moves.

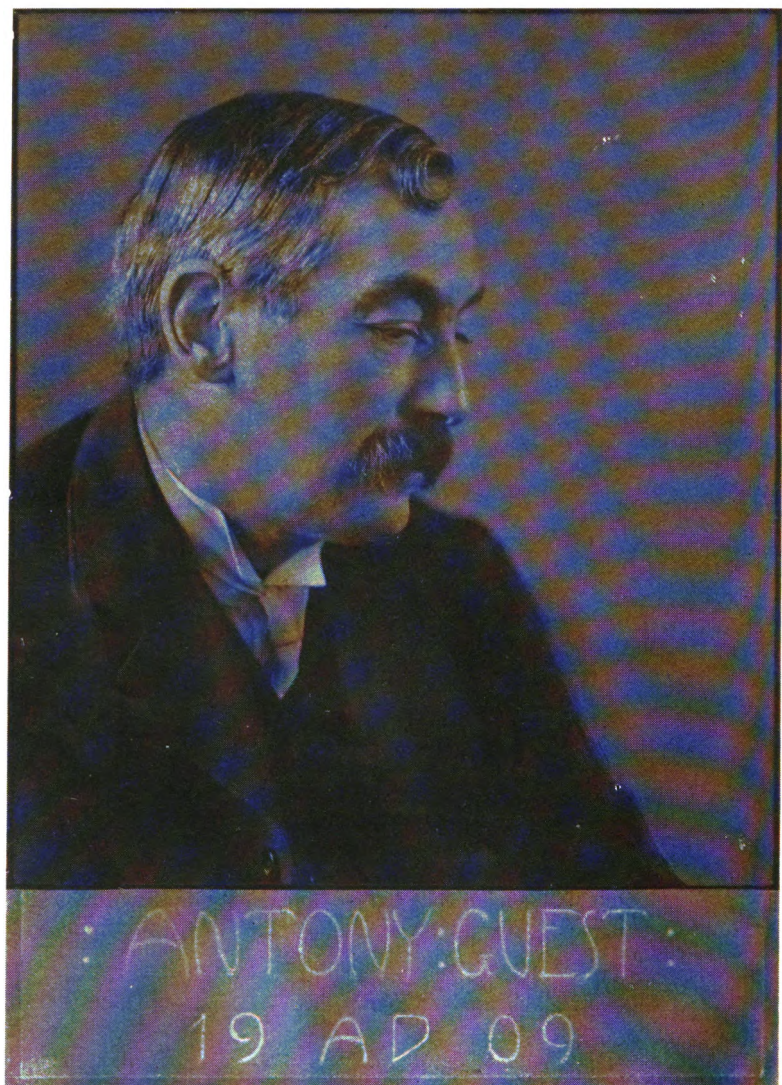


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ANTONY A. G. GUEST.

Following closely on the death of our G.O.M. of chess, J. H. Blackburne, we have to record with deep regret that of the Chess Editor of the *Morning Post*, Antony Guest. From a chess point of view this is a calamity, as, equally with Amos Burn, he has shown how a chess column should be conducted. Those who knew him well will feel the loss of a friend, who was always ready to consider their views and, whatever his own, never for a moment showed resentment, nor lost his temper in an argument. He was far more than a chess editor—a widely read man, who could talk well on most subjects, artistic to his finger tips; also an amateur photographer of a very high order. Some of his work earned the high encomiums of the experts.

Antony Guest was the only son of the late Augustus Guest, LL.D., F.S.A., and was born in 1856. He did not take up chess until nearly 20, when he was wont to receive a Rook from such players as J. H. Blackburne and Isidor Gunsberg. He gained a lot of practice at Pursell's Classic Rooms, and at the old Crosby Hall in Bishopsgate, and soon made rapid progress. He won two handicaps at Mephisto's Rooms in Regent Street, and in 1884, receiving a Pawn and move, was second to Mason in a handicap at Simpson's Divan. In the British Chess Association's first tournament in 1885, he tied with H. E. Bird for second place (I. Gunsberg first), above such players as W. H. Pollock, G. A. Macdonnell, W. Donisthorpe, D. Y. Mills and J. Mortimer. In the same year he played first board for England in a match *v.* France. His game with M. Hugo was unfinished, and was adjudicated against him, thus making the match a draw. In 1886 he won the Amateur Chess Championship at the B.C.A. meeting. In 1887 he started and was first Editor of a paper called *The Bohemian*, a chief feature of which was chess. After six months the paper passed to J. Mortimer. In 1883 he commenced to edit the chess column in the *Morning Post*, and carried it on to the day of his death. He made it the *facile princeps* chess column of the daily papers, and maintained the balance between chess problems, and chess games and news, so that it became the pattern for others. He was also chess editor for a short time of the chess columns in *Life* and *Cassell's Saturday Journal*, and contributed a monthly article to *Tinsley's Magazine*, besides writing occasionally for the *B.C.M.*

He attended practically all the tournaments held in England, and his special articles on these were always written with an eye to the artistic side of the game.

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The death of his wife, some four years ago, left him a saddened man, and much of his humour left him ; in addition his health broke down, and the change was noted by those who saw him at Hastings at the beginning of the year. He died on January 29th, after an operation, and was buried at Kingston Cemetery on February 3rd. The funeral was attended by many personal friends and several of his colleagues of the *Morning Post*, by whom he was much liked and respected.

He was one of the original founders of the British Chess Club, and figured in most of their tournaments, with varying success. Of recent years he had not often played in important matches, but could always be relied upon to give his opponent a stiff game.

At one time he was a member of the London Stock Exchange, but later joined the permanent staff of the *Morning Post*, for which he wrote on a variety of subjects.

As a representative of the Press he was frequently called upon to reply to the toast of the Press, and what he said was always worth listening to. One of the kindest and gentlest of men, his tall and distinguished presence will be much missed at the chess gatherings of the future.

REVIEW.

Modern Chess Openings, by Griffith and White. Completely revised by R. C. Griffith (editor, *British Chess Magazine* ; British Chess champion, 1912-13) and M. E. Goldstein, B.Sc. (hon. secretary, Hampstead Chess Club ; Middlesex champion, 1924-25). Specially compiled for match and tournament players. Fourth edition. Leeds : Whitehead & Miller, Ltd. 5/-. Interleaved copies, 6/-, post free.

About the time when the present writer began to be aware of the existence of a chess world, and to take an interest in reading gossip about the doings at certain inaccessible haunts of romance called "Simpson's" and "Pursell's," another still young but older amateur, who had just come into prominence at the City of London Chess Club, wrote two disillusioned letters to the *Westminster Papers*. He was deeply concerned at the stagnant monotony of the recognised openings, and "the impossibility of successfully importing into them the spirit of novelty and freshness." He proposed an alteration in the fundamental laws of the game to overcome this. About the same time a feature at some of the chess gatherings held was what was called a "Displacement" tournament, in which the Knights and Bishops (or some other pieces) exchanged their starting positions ; the object was similar, *viz.*, to get away from book variations, supposed to be insusceptible of further development. In the interval which has elapsed since the first of these letters was printed the *Handbuch* has issued three editions, with an increase of over two hundred pages mainly concerned with the openings ; and now our standard English text-book, *Modern Chess Openings*, although first published no further back than 1911, has been issued in its fourth edition. In 1875 the era of annual master

tournaments had not commenced ; few or none foresaw its development, still less the stimulus it was to give between 1880 and 1914 to "the spirit of novelty and freshness," as applied to the openings. From 1920 onwards the holding of high-class tournaments has been resumed with more zest than ever. Each year sees about half a dozen important contests, in most or all of which occur opening novelties of merit. The player who wishes to hold his own in his club's matches and tournaments cannot afford to be ignorant at least of the scope of many of these innovations ; the authors of *Modern Chess Openings*, collect, tabulate, and comment upon them for his benefit.

The extent of the changes made in this new edition may be gauged from the following quotation from the "Preface": "Since the appearance of the previous issue the evolution of the openings has been so great that barely five per cent. of the variations in the last edition have been utilised in the present work." The general direction which the changes have taken naturally follows that of recent tournament practice, and may be statistically put thus: in openings in which 1 P—K 4 is played on both sides, eight openings receive fourteen pages less, and two openings three pages more ; in the others four openings receive eighteen pages more, and one opening a page less. The new strategy called "hypermodern," a leading tenet of which is that the clash in the centre should be avoided until the player sees his way to profit by it, is no doubt one of the contributory causes of the diminished importance of the open game, and is recognised by the introduction of two new sections, allotted to "Alekhine's Defence" and "Reti's Opening"—probably the first occasion upon which the latter has received separate treatment in a standard textbook. The gambits have of course suffered most in this depreciation of open games ; but the fact has not operated to prevent the introduction of many new and striking variations in those openings. The Queen's Pawn Game gets eleven additional pages of analysis, the Queen's Gambit five ; these two sections now present together forty-four pages of analysis, where the notes positively bristle with recent dates and names of current fame. The largest single section in the book is, as before, the Ruy Lopez, which remains at thirty-four pages, with however a considerable recasting of the matter. The introduction to each of these three openings has been rewritten and enlarged ; each presents a well-balanced and comprehensive survey of the present state of the opening ; and the club player who devotes part of the coming close season to mastering, with the aid of the tables, the introduction to whichever of these three openings he has made his own, will start next season with a grasp of his subject such as he has never enjoyed before.

Time does not admit of any detailed examination here of the changes made ; it remains, therefore, to add that the book is uniform in size and appearance with the third edition, whilst the type is beautifully clear—a supremely important point in a book on the openings. English chess has a very high tradition, now a century old, in the investigation of the chess openings ; that tradition is fully maintained by the authors of the present work.

J.H.B.

CHESS NOTES AND PROBLEMS.

An accident at home on January 23rd, resulting, as an X-ray examination proved, in an impacted fracture to the left arm, not only brought me some enforced leisure, but also gave me one or two sleepless nights, and the criticism of "M.K." that the *B.C.M.* has no relief in the way of a joke column or a cross-word puzzle came to my mind. I there and then composed a couple of "Acrostics," having solved one in a Sunday paper that week for the first time in my life, and as relief from the more serious nature of these notes give them for what they are worth.

ACROSTIC NO. 1.

Pillars : "A British player ne'er prone to defeat,
Tho' aged now, he's still hard to beat."

1. Here's a King with an ivory house ;
2. With a pig-tail, he walks like a mouse ;
3. At post prandial times he's quite the thing ;
4. Of evil he yet reigns absolute King.

This is exceedingly easy, I fear, but I will present a copy of *Chess Masterpieces* for the first correct solution, opened at random, from those received by the last post on the day before the *Ides* of March. They fall on a Sunday this year, unfortunately.

ACROSTIC NO. 2.

Pillars : "The greatest honour, t'was said, he ne'er deserved ;
Perchance, as author, his fame may be preserved."

1. Of students beloved ; not those who play chess ;
2. Beware, take care, lest it tend to excess !
3. Coveted honours of Empiric renown ;
4. Many a man has had one at "The Crown."
5. The German for what is best in our game ;
6. Here is a chessplayer well known to fame ;
7. We all make it once, don't make it too stiff
8. A communist he, who lives in a cliff.

This one is I think more difficult, and I will present a copy of the new edition of *Modern Chess Openings* to the first correct solution opened from solutions received on the first post on the *Nones* of March. The envelopes must be addressed to the Editor, *British Chess Magazine*, 18 Wedderburn Road, London, N.W.3, and marked in the left hand corner, Acrostic No. 1 and Acrostic No. 2 respectively, and reach me by the post stated.

I find these quite easy to compose, and if readers like them will give some more. I tried my hand at Cross Word puzzles, but find them harder to make satisfactory ; but if readers want them I will not be beaten. Personally, I am tired of trying to solve them, and though succeeding occasionally, have never been lucky enough to win a prize.

It has been stated that no game of chess should be played without a definite plan in view from the start of the game ; this is all very well, if our opponent is prepared to accept our plan, and adopts moves on his part which will allow us to carry it out, but as a rule I think we all find he is very adverse from doing so. Our plan therefore has to be modified, or entirely altered, in accordance with our opponent's moves. This of course, is the difficulty : to modify or alter our plans, so that the preconceived ideas may fit in with the modification or alteration. This is where we fail ; or it leads to our making opening moves, without a plan, meaning to develop one later, as opportunity occurs, and we therefore adopt the moves given in the text-books, the reasons for which we are not acquainted with. The right way to find out these reasons is to play through a master game at the variation we are studying, and see to what sort of position it leads. Having done this, find another, branching off at a certain move, and see to what other position and plans this may lead. We are then able to form an idea of the plans in the brains of the master players we have been following, and make up our mind as to which suits our own temperament best.

It is no use for a player of cautious temperament to adopt an attacking position, necessitating a sacrifice, which when it presents itself, he will fail to make because of his temperament ; rather must he avoid such positions and play a waiting game.

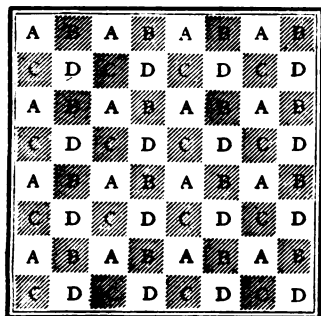
These theories are all very fine, but unless one has guidance, it is difficult to carry them out, and I want to try, by example as well as precept, to explain more clearly what I am after, and think I can best do so from games of my own.

Having the move in a certain match game quite recently, I wanted to get the following opening moves. 1 **P-K 4**, **P-K 4** 2 **B-B 4**, **Kt-K B 3** ; 3 **P-Q 4**, **P×P** ; 4 **Kt-K B 3**, **B-B 4** ? ; 5 **P-K 5**, an attacking move, an example of which, *J. H. Morrison v. L. Savage* was given last month, page 68, and also following that game up to 9 **B-Kt 5** occurred in my last county match game, when my opponent played 9... **Q-Q 4** ? 10 **Kt-B 3**, **B-Kt 5** ; 11 **Castles Q R**. If 10... **P×Kt** ; 11 **R-Q 1** wins. My opponent on this occasion played 2... **B-B 4**, I played 3 **Kt-Q B 3**, hoping for 3... **Kt-Q B 3**, when I intended 4 **Q-Kt 4**, with an attack on his King's Knight's Pawn. He answered 3... **Kt-K B 3**. I then thought an attack by **B-K Kt 5** and **Kt-Q 5** might prove useful, so 4 **P-Q 3**, **P-Q 3** ; 5 **B-K Kt 5**. This was also played by Spielmann *v. Schenkein* in 1914 (I looked it up afterwards), and the latter played 5... **B-K 3** ; to which Spielmann continued 6 **Kt-Q 5**, **Q Kt-Q 2** ; 7 **P-B 4** ? (**K Kt-B 3** is better), **P-K R 3** ! 8 **P×P**, when **P×B** gives Black the better game. Hence one sees Spielmann's modification of the plan was incorrect. White can at move 5 play **P-B 4**, leading to well known and much analysed positions, but personally I greatly prefer to strike out on my own as soon as possible, even if the plan I have formed is incorrect. Black's answer to 5 **B-K Kt 5** would I expected be either (a) **P-K R 3**, (b) **B-K 3**, or (c) **P-B 3**. I felt in answer to (a) I should have caused him to weaken his King's side,

and might then, if he Castled on that side, plant a piece, perhaps a Knight, at K Kt 6 later on. I should have moved 6 B—K 3. Black chose 5.., **P—B 3**. I played 6 **Q—Q 2**. If I move 6 Kt—B 3 he probably pins it by B—Kt 5, or if 6 K Kt—K 2 equally B—Kt 5. To prevent the waste of a move by 7 Q—Q 2, B×Kt; 8 Q×B, I could of course play 8 Kt×B, but I want to remove his King's Bishop by Kt—R 4, and therefore must play 7 P—B 3, allowing his King's Bishop a still longer diagonal. All the same, he played 6.., **B—K Kt 5** as he does not want to shut it in by Q Kt—Q 2. Now I can play P—K R 3, but thought he would retire to K 3, and I should have weakened my King's side, so I resolved to give up my idea of changing off the King's Bishop by Kt—R 4, and played 7 K Kt—K 2. If he answered B×Kt, I would have played 8 Kt×B and followed with Kt—Kt 3 to K B 5, a very strong position for a Knight. For this reason, as he afterwards stated, he did not play B×Kt but 7.., **Q Kt—Q 2**. I immediately played 8 **Kt—Kt 3**; now on P—K R 3, he must go to K 3, and I have Kt—R 5 hitting the Knight's Pawn, besides, again attacking the pinned Knight. A pin on the King's Knight is nothing like as strong before the opponent has castled on that side, but the possible attack on his King's Knight's Pawn led to 8.., **Castles**; 9 **P—K R 3, B—K 3**; 10 **Kt—R 4**. Here the position becomes complicated, for there are so many possibilities. The removal of the Queen's Knight enables Black to play P—Q 4, which he could not do before, because of the pin, leaving him one piece less on the square. Now that White's Queen's Knight is away, 10.., **P—Q 4** is possible, and he seized the opportunity. I want to get the defending Queen's Knight away from Q 2 to make Kt—R 5 more effective and to follow with P—K B 4, and clear the King's Bishop's file for more pieces on the King's Knight. So 11 **Kt×B, Kt×Kt**; I cannot play 12 Kt—R 5, because of P×B; 13 B×Kt, Kt—K 5! so 12 **P×P, P×P**, and yet again 13 Kt—R 5 cannot be played, for after P×B; 14 B×Kt, Kt—K 5 is still a sufficient answer, so 13 **B—Kt 3**. Here Black weakened his position by 13.., **P—K Kt 3**, to prevent Kt—R 5. Probably P—K R 3 is better, but he feared 14 B—R 4, P—K Kt 4; 15 B×P, P×B; 16 Q×P ch, K—R 2; 17 Q×P, R—K 1; 18 K—Q 2, with the attack and three Pawns for the Bishop. This illustration will I hope be sufficiently plain to show the evolution of a plan, with such modifications as the adversary may dictate, eventually leading to a weakness in his position. If you want to play the game well and get the most enjoyment out of it, you must have some such ideas from the start; the aimless early moves are frequently responsible for lost games. Plans and ideas, even if wrongly conceived, are frequently successful against the player who makes his opening moves automatically, because he has seen them in text books.

And now for a few notes on the end-game. Probably the most important factor is that of the "Opposition." Reams have been written about it, and I could refer you to pages and pages in old volumes of the *British Chess Magazine*. But with a few extracts from C. E. C. Tattersall's excellent book, *A Thousand End Games*

(two volumes, published by Whitehead & Miller, Ltd., 1910). I hope to make the subject clear. Place White King on K 3, and Black King on K 5, or *his* K 4. If Black is to move, White has the opposition; if White, Black has it. Similarly if White King is at K Kt 3, Q B 3, Q B 5, Q B 7, K 7, K Kt 7 or K Kt 5. This is simple to grasp, but what if the White King is further away, say at K Kt 1? It is necessary to know whether or not you have the opposition, in so many end-games that I would suggest you learn the accompanying diagram by heart.



Here if the Kings are on squares similarly lettered, the King which has not to move, has the opposition, and can always maintain it, so long as he can play to a square similarly marked to that to which his opponent plays. For instance, place White King on K 2 and Black King on Q R 8 (or his Q R 1). Black to play. If he play 1. ., K—Kt 1 (letter B), White can play to Q 2 or B 2, and retain the opposition. If 1. ., K—R 2 (C); 2 K—K 3 or K 1. If 1. ., K—Kt 2 (D); 2 K—Q 3 or K B 3, and so on.

PROBLEMS FOR JUNIORS.

My first problem on Openings is a case of transposition, which when it occurs, is very important to recognise, for it frequently assists one in obtaining the position one wants to get, in a roundabout fashion.

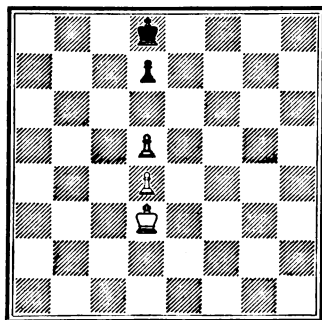
No. 1 The following were the opening moves of a game: 1 P—K 4, P—K 4; 2 B—B 4, B—B 4; 3 Kt—Q B 3, Kt—K B 3; 4 P—Q 3, P—Q 3; 5 P—B 4, Kt—B 3; 6 Kt—B 3.

Show how this might have come from the Vienna, *i.e.*, 2 Kt—Q B 3, etc., or the King's Gambit Declined, by 2 P—K B 4, B—B 4. What alternatives had White at moves 3, 5, and 6, worthy of adoption?

Problem No. 2.

BLACK (2 pieces)

No. 2. (a) Here is a simple Pawn ending, but requires exactness to win correctly, and the Black Pawn cannot be won till the 8th move. (b) Not so difficult, so long as you make the correct first move.



WHITE (3 pieces)

(a) White to play and win!

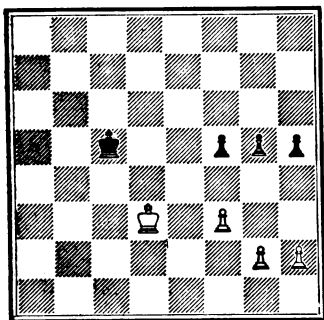
(b) Black to play.

What result and how?

PROBLEMS FOR SENIORS.

Problem No. 1.

BLACK (4 pieces)



WHITE (4 pieces)

White to play.

What result and how ?

Solutions should be sent to R. C. Griffith, 18 Wedderburn Road, London, N.W.3, by March 31st.

As these problems are practically a continuation of those given under the title "Chess for Beginners," I will retain the scores of previous competitors for the "Ladder," but they must decide under which class they wish to compete. I hope several more will join in now that the number of problems per month are reduced to two, and wish to remind solvers I should prefer them to take a "synonym," as, given the time, I hope to criticise their efforts, perhaps adversely !

Just after writing these notes I received a very clever Cross Word Puzzle, from H. H. Cudmore, which I shall give next month.

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.—"R.M." (India)—3 K—Kt 6 is not necessarily the best move, but was only an attempt to get out of the draw; if King anywhere else, 3.., R×P; 4 R×R, P—R 6 draws as given. I repeated Horwitz's solution. 3.., R×P could be played even after 3 K—Kt 6. Hope you will be a regular solver now. "H.D.B." (India), 268 (169/72), 1, 4, 3, 5, 281. "H.M.B."—Shall hope to see you resume as a solver. Am pleased you agree as to the use of the problems. "Knowsley."—Many thanks for kind remarks. I hope you will continue under the new regime. "F.S."—I hope that my "communications" will still meet with your approbation. "M.A.G." (Grahamstown)—Many thanks. Hope to use it in the near future. A. W. Daniel.—Many thanks for end-game, which I hope to make use of later. I prefer simpler positions ! "D.E.B."—No, you must decide for yourself with regard to No. 167. What was your enquiry ?

Problem No. 1. A game was opened 1 P—Q 4, Kt—K B 3; 2 P—Q B 4, P—K 3; 3 Kt—Q B 3, B—Kt 5; 4 P—Q R 3, B×Kt ch; 5 P×B, P—Q Kt 3; 6 P—B 3, B—Kt 2; 7 B—Kt 5, P—Q 3; 8 P—K 4, Q Kt—Q 2; 9 B—Q 3, Castles; 10 Q—B 2, P—K 4. Criticise these moves, and show where on both sides the opening strategy could have been improved.

NEWS FROM THE BRITISH ISLES.

The great struggle between Kent and Middlesex took place at the Central Hall, on January 31st. Each county realised the importance of the contest, and two very strong teams (100 players a-side) were in the field.

Left : Major R. W. BARNETT, Member of Parliament for S.W. St. Pancras, Chairman of Executive Committee of the British Chess Federation, and Champion Rifle Shot of the House of Commons.

Right : B. E. SIEGHEIM, Master of the game and once South African Champion.

Left : H. MEEK, the popular and energetic Middlesex Match Captain.

Right : Capt. W. McCANLIS, Cricketer and Chess Player. Aged 84. Coached many Kentish colts at Tonbridge.



The result on the full hundred counted for the Ebony Shield competition and on the first 50 for the Amboyna Shield. Kent had previously beaten Surrey, and by winning the complete match could secure the Ebony Shield for the year, but if they lost on the 50 mark, the Amboyna Shield would be out of their grasp.

This was exactly what happened : the Middlesex tail was not so strong as its head and Kent scraped home by 53 to 47 but lost the 50 event by 27—23.

There was somewhat of a *spirit of irresponsibility* present in the room, well exemplified by the games of the two Sergeants. E. G. of that ilk outplayed his opponent, but took hold of the wrong Pawn to Queen : while P.W., who was waiting with a hopeless position for the *coup de grace*, saw his antagonist make a losing move instead !

The game on board 4 was played at the residence of R. C. Griffith, who was badly bruised through an accident a few days previously. This did not prevent him winning his game however, and a cold shudder went through Kent when the 'phone message came that their strong player Holmes had succumbed.

Two masters of the game were pitted together at Board 2 and the draw was quite a fitting result. O. C. Muller has played for Kent for a quarter of a century with great success and has always supported the executive loyally and energetically. B. E. Siegheim has a shorter connection with London, where he has now lived for 6 years, but was well known in South Africa as champion and later at New York.

Major R. W. Barnett, the only member present of the "House" just opposite, broke his long list of successes for Kent by losing at Board 19.

Perhaps the most romantic figure in the room was the octogenarian Kent cricketer, Captain W. McCanlis, who won his game at Board 70.

KENT.

MIDDLESEX.

1 H. Storr Best	0	M. E. Goldstein	1
2 O. C. Muller	$\frac{1}{2}$	B. E. Siegheim	$\frac{1}{2}$
3 J. C. Waterman	1	E. G. Sergeant	0
4 N. B. Holmes	0	R. C. Griffith	1
5 E. Creswell	0	P. W. Sergeant	1
6 I. T. Sifton	1	J. W. Morling	0
7 A. Louis	$\frac{1}{2}$	F. W. Boff	$\frac{1}{2}$
8 R. C. Noel-Johnson	$\frac{1}{2}$	H. V. Buttfield	$\frac{1}{2}$
9 L. C. G. Dewing	0	W. H. Watts	1
10 Mrs. Stevenson (res.)	0	J. Merlin	1
11 W. Skillicorn	$\frac{1}{2}$	V. Ray	$\frac{1}{2}$
12 W. B. Dixon	1	J. W. Moss (res.)	0
13 G. Tregaskis	0	A. M. Ewbank	1
14 E. A. Noel-Johnson (res.)	0	W. Jones	1
15 C. H. Lorch	0	E. Billen	1
16 B. W. Hamilton	1	T. E. Cadby	0
17 C. E. Taylor	$\frac{1}{2}$	G. P. Kitchenner	$\frac{1}{2}$
18 W. M. Brooke	0	E. Busvine	1
19 Major R. W. Barnett, M.P.	0	A. G. Kershaw	1
20 G. Hanson	1	C. R. Witham	0
21 Mrs. Holloway	$\frac{1}{2}$	A. T. Stow	$\frac{1}{2}$
22 F. W. Dunn	1	J. M. Brown	0
23 E. S. Tinsley	0	J. H. Bentinck	1
24 C. F. Corke	$\frac{1}{2}$	W. W. Brougham	$\frac{1}{2}$
25 H. B. Hodges	0	G. H. Moss	1
26 G. O. Pratt	1	F. Artis	0
27 Rev. W. R. Greenhalgh	$\frac{1}{2}$	S. Meymott	$\frac{1}{2}$
28 E. L. Nickels	$\frac{1}{2}$	F. Salmony	$\frac{1}{2}$
29 E. A. Coad-Pryor	1	H. V. Brown	0
30 J. Whicker	0	F. Hooper	1
31 D. W. Earle	1	C. E. Simon	0
32 R. H. LePelley	0	E. Williams	1
33 R. Spitz	$\frac{1}{2}$	E. A. Cave	$\frac{1}{2}$
34 H. Vine	0	J. S. Brooke	1
35 Capt. A. E. Dickinson	0	A. A. Kennedy	1
36 L. W. Dodds	1	C. E. Simpson	0
37 E. B. Puckridge	0	L. T. Harris	1
38 P. Sullivan	1	E. V. Strugnell	0
39 Stuart Hodgson	$\frac{1}{2}$	R. C. Pritchard	$\frac{1}{2}$
40 F. W. Chambers	$\frac{1}{2}$	S. B. Dawes	$\frac{1}{2}$
41 J. P. Ingram	1	L. James	0
42 Rev. W. Proctor	1	W. Eldridge	0
43 S. J. Osborn (res.)	1	J. A. Brown (res.)	0
44 T. Keliher	0	A. E. Thomas	1
45 P. J. Hellis	0	W. A. Simkins	1

46 S. G. Duffell	1	F. L. Hall	0
47 W. B. Robinson	$\frac{1}{2}$	W. A. Conway	$\frac{1}{2}$
48 T. G. Griggs	$\frac{1}{2}$	M. Savage	$\frac{1}{2}$
49 W. D. Jordan	1	F. Williamson	0
50 F. V. Louis	0	A. de Silva	1

Total for Amboyna Shield 23

27

KENT.

MIDDLESEX.

51 D. T. G. Dixon	1	M. de Silva	0
52 P. K. Watts	1	E. Marx	0
53 N. Rhys	$\frac{1}{2}$	J. E. Duke	$\frac{1}{2}$
54 W. C. Rowe	1	H. J. Bee	0
55 H. E. Tudor	$\frac{1}{2}$	B. Talbot	$\frac{1}{2}$
56 H. Smitherman	$\frac{1}{2}$	C. A. Perry	$\frac{1}{2}$
57 B. W. Penson	$\frac{1}{2}$	W. A. King	*
58 C. H. Hansen	1	R. B. Goddard	0
59 W. E. Barnard	$\frac{1}{2}$	M. A. Adler	$\frac{1}{2}$
60 F. J. Dennis	1	A. Edwards	0
61 E. Marchant	1	B. T. Fawcett	0
62 S. P. Lees	1	H. Painter	0
63 C. E. Woolmer	0	F. L. Nichols	1
64 H. J. C. Malins	1	J. A. C. Eastman	0
65 Miss Cotton	0	G. L. Sutton	1
66 G. E. Startup	$\frac{1}{2}$	C. J. Kingston	$\frac{1}{2}$
67 Mrs. Banting	1	H. Wilson	0
68 C. H. Taylor	$\frac{1}{2}$	G. W. A. Easom	$\frac{1}{2}$
69 S. I. Hussian	$\frac{1}{2}$	S. G. Hughes	$\frac{1}{2}$
70 Capt. McCanlis	1	G. T. Jones	0
71 G. E. McCanlis	0	B. Grad	1
72 P. Liddell	1	S. Buerger	0
73 L. E. Fitzgerald	1	P. B. Botcherby	0
74 C. Gregory	1	Lek Pyamedhi	0
75 A. T. C. Williams	0	G. B. Quennell	1
76 H. J. Salter	0	H. J. W. Smith	1
77 E. Harrod	1	S. J. Levi	0
78 C. R. Oxley	$\frac{1}{2}$	E. H. Cooke	$\frac{1}{2}$
79 Mrs. James	0	G. Sirkett	1
80 H. A. Beetlestone	$\frac{1}{2}$	E. L. Styles	$\frac{1}{2}$
81 A. E. C. Wells	0	A. D. Beckwith	1
82 J. W. G. Jamieson	1	Rev. P. Stanley	0
83 R. Kelly	$\frac{1}{2}$	H. G. Poor	$\frac{1}{2}$
84 F. S. Bostock	0	R. J. Minns	1
85 H. A. Burgess	1	I. Cohen	0
86 G. M. Arrowsmith	1	B. Cares	0
87 F. W. Panter	1	Default	0
88 H. Munzing	1	Mrs. Ewbank	0
89 F. H. Sargent	1	H. R. Bowtell	0
90 J. W. Thomas	$\frac{1}{2}$	F. J. Thornton	$\frac{1}{2}$
91 N. D. Sheffield	0	P. L. Page	1
92 A. R. Brunton	1	G. W. Johnson	1
93 W. J. Burges	0	Dr. Fergie Woods	1
94 I. Avner	1	W. H. Hipkiss	0
95 F. Tinsley	$\frac{1}{2}$	L. T. Lake	$\frac{1}{2}$
96 C. C. Pennington	1	A. T. C. Joscelyne	0
97 F. C. Bailey	0	F. J. Heal	1
98 A. F. Hudgell	1	H. Blaikley	0
99 Miss Andrews	0	S. N. Lockington	1
100 Mrs. Chase	0	C. Godsmark	1

The success of Kent results from the splendid way in which the members support their match captain. Kent must always be at full concert pitch to stand a chance against their formidable rivals. The Hop county players travelled 2,282 miles to win this ebony shield, and in arriving at this figure no count is taken of those who have business interests in the Metropolis and would be there anyhow.

The flourishing condition of Middlesex is largely due to the popular match Captain, H. Meek. Always businesslike and tactful he possesses the complete confidence and affection of his team.

The key-match for the Southern Counties Union championship took place at St. Bride's Institute on February 21st, between Surrey and Middlesex. After a fine struggle the latter county just managed to win, the score being $10\frac{1}{2}$ — $9\frac{1}{2}$ in Middlesex favour. Both counties were very strongly represented, the winners perhaps reaching their high-water mark. Score:—

MIDDLESEX.					SURREY.				
1	M. E. Goldstein	..	..	I	F. F. L. Alexander	..	..	..	0
2	E. G. Sergeant	..	..	I	R. P. Michell	..	..	..	0
3	H. Saunders	..	..	I	H. B. Uber	..	..	..	0
4	Dr. Fraenkel	..	..	0	E. Macdonald	..	..	..	I
5	G. W. Richmond	..	..	0	H. S. Barlow	..	..	..	I
6	L. Savage	..	..	I	W. Gooding	..	..	..	0
7	J. Birnberg	..	..	0	H. C. Griffiths	..	..	..	I
8	E. T. Jesty	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	W. E. Allnutt	..	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$
9	W. H. Regan	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	L. P. Rees	..	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$
10	R. C. Griffith	..	..	0	J. Butland	..	..	..	I
11	J. du Mont	..	..	I	G. A. Felce	..	..	..	0
12	W. E. Bonwick	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	H. G. Felce	..	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$
13	P. W. Sergeant	..	..	I	P. J. Allingham	..	..	..	0
14	W. H. Watts	..	..	0	B. H. N. Stronach	..	..	..	I
15	F. Dark	..	..	0	A. Fletcher	..	..	..	I
16	Dr. F. S. Duncan	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	G. Wernick	..	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$
17	R. F. Goldstein	..	..	I	R. H. Birch	..	..	..	0
18	J. W. Morling	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	A. J. Spencer	..	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$
19	H. V. Buttfield	..	..	0	W. L. Brierley	..	..	..	I
20	E. S. Shaw	..	..	I	P. W. Rampton	..	..	..	0
				$10\frac{1}{2}$					$9\frac{1}{2}$

In the match between Surrey and Sussex on page 75 (January) we gave Board 16 as a draw. This was wrong, it should have been a win for A. J. Spencer and the total 10—6 in favour of Surrey.

Kent Congress at Bromley.—All arrangements are now complete for this popular event which will commence on Saturday, April 11th and finish on the 18th.

The premier event will be a tournament of 24 players to be played on the system which proved so successful at the International tournament held at Paris during the Olympian games.

There will also be first, second and third-class sections, evening tourney, simultaneous displays and lightning bouts at frequent intervals.

Programme will be sent on application to the conductor, S. J. Holloway, 22 Cambridge Road, Bromley, Kent.

Sussex v. Essex, 50-aside at St. Bride's Institute, E.C., on Saturday, February 14th. First 16 Boards for S.C.C.U. Championship, full 50 for Amboyna Shield. Annotated by the British News Editor.

ESSEX					SUSSEX				
1	E. J. Price (a)	..	..	0	G. M. Norman..	..	..	1	
2	W. O. Woodfield	..	..	0	Rev. E. Griffiths	..	..	1	
3	E. W. Osler	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	J. A. J. Drewitt	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	
4	E. J. Randall	..	..	0	J. Storr Best (b)	..	..	1	
5	E. G. Twitchett	..	..	1	H. L. Crawford (c)	..	..	0	
6	G. F. Hawkins (d)	..	..	0	H. E. Dobell (e)	..	..	1	
7	F. W. Markwick (f)	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	J. H. Jones (g)	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	
8	E. W. Hart	..	..	1	Dr. Dunstan (h)	..	..	0	
9	H. A. Melvin	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	A. Emery	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	
10	F. A. Sisley	..	..	1	W. Bridger	..	..	0	
11	W. H. Taylor	..	..	1	J. A. Watt	..	..	0	
12	J. G. Hayes	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	G. V. Butler (i)	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	
13	Aylmer Maude (j)	..	..	1	C. J. A. Wade	..	..	0	
14	W. E. Evans	..	..	0	W. H. King (i)	..	..	1	
15	R. C. Harvey	..	..	0	Castle Leaver (k)	..	..	1	
16	R. H. Bayley	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	C. F. Chapman	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	
17	M. T. Seate (l)	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	E. Undem (l)	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	
18	E. Staida Way (l)	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	E. Jusdem (l)	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	
19	H. H. Gill	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	Dr. W. M. Varley (m)	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	
20	E. Beeton	..	..	0	J. J. Fitzpatrick (n)	..	..	1	
21	E. R. Nickol	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	H. W. Butler (o)	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	
22	E. J. Gibbs (p)	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	W. H. Whicher	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	
23	T. H. Acton	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	Hon. F. G. Hamilton-Russell (q)	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	
24	J. Allchin	..	..	1	V. S. Ward	..	..	0	
25	Wassent Theyer	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	E. Andem	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	
26	E. Gare	..	..	1	E. H. Church	..	..	0	
27	M. F. Willis	..	..	0	Miss Menchik (r)	..	..	1	
28	J. E. Scrivener	..	..	0	J. Chandler (s)	..	..	1	
29	S. Clifford Jones	..	..	0	Capt. Whitworth	..	..	1	
30	L. T. Weaser	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	W. G. Perrin	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	
31	V. Beeching Hall	..	..	0	S. Hunt	..	..	1	
32	P. Wheatley	..	..	0	W. A. Wood	..	..	1	
33	T. Stuchbery	..	..	0	E. E. Stockers (t)	..	..	1	
34	R. E. Shepard	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	Miss Musgrave	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	
35	H. E. Spenceley	..	..	1	Capt. Green	..	..	0	
36	P. Smith	..	..	0	G. E. Smith	..	..	1	
37	J. Lines	..	..	0	R. H. Brown	..	..	1	
38	H. A. Chappell	..	..	0	E. J. Scrimgeour	..	..	1	
39	T. Harvey	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	A. E. Smith	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	
40	Coudna Gett	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	E. Adem	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	
41	W. A. Waylen	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	G. D. Self	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	
42	P. C. Rogers	..	..	0	D. H. Caw	..	..	1	
43	C. P. Allen	..	..	0	A. T. Watson	..	..	1	
44	Miss Chater	..	..	1	F. Brook	..	..	0	
45	Miss Gorst	..	..	0	G. E. Wright	..	..	1	
46	A. Offord	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	H. Shorland Fooks	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	
47	A. Hill	..	..	0	L. B. Hunt	..	..	1	
48	J. E. Coleman	..	..	0	W. E. Hollingdale	..	..	1	
49	G. Wise	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	H. S. Plummer	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	
50	J. T. Morse	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	W. J. Jennings	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	

(a) Essex champion for 1925.

(b) One of three strong brothers, "H," Kent champion, 1924, and "L," Leicestershire.

(c) Formerly President, Gloucestershire.

- (d) The Essex Treasurer and deputy captain.
 (e) Treasurer of the B.C.F. since 1904 and one of the greatest organisers of the game
 (f) Essex veteran Secretary and true shepherd of his flock.
 (g) Brighton Secretary, also table tennis expert.
 (h) Aged 77 and just recovering from serious illness, but made the journey from Brighton.
 (i) Sons of their fathers.
 (j) Greatest living authority on Tolstoi and his works.
 (k) Takes them also and generally wins his game.
 (l) "There's players all around us
 If but our watchful eyes
 Could trace them 'midst familiar things
 And through their lowly guise. (Mrs. Hemans).
 (m) An hon. secretary who has raised Sussex to a great height.
 (n) A great supporter of the B.C.M. Home from India for good after many years.
 (o) Known as the "Seaside Master" for over 40 years. Still with his cheery voice and those other little eccentricities which have endeared him to his friends.
 (p) Whose brother "P.R." is seriously ill.
 (q) President of Sussex and a tower of strength to the game of chess.
 (r) The Russian girl who will play a match at Hastings at Easter with the British Lady Champion, Miss Price.
 (s) From here onwards the Sussex steam roller operates.
 (t) Once a man of Kent and Secretary of Canterbury Chess Club.

Berkshire v. Hampshire.—Semi-final Montague Jones cup, the match also counting in the S.C.C.U. championship. Scores :—

HAMPSHIRE.					BERKSHIRE.				
1	J. H. Blake	..	..	1	G. H. Caws	..	..	0	
2	W. Winter	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	P. J. Lawrence	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	
3	F. J. H. Elwell	..	..	0	W. O. Stuchbery	..	..	1	
4	R. F. Barlow	..	..	1	L. A. Rumble	..	..	0	
5	H. D. Lloyd	..	..	1	J. H. Van Meurs	..	..	0	
6	C. T. Bennett	..	..	0	H. Lyford	..	..	1	
7	F. A. Joyce	..	..	1	E. R. Farmer	..	..	0	
8	A. B. Coe	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	H. Runham	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	
9	H. A. Way	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	B. Hamilton	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	
10	A. Hayes	..	..	0	G. H. Kingham	..	..	1	
11	W. J. Fry	..	..	1	F. A. Westlake	..	..	0	
12	H. D. Osborn	..	..	1	A. Dobson	..	..	0	
13	Rev. W. Proctor	..	..	1	R. G. Gray	..	..	0	
14	A. H. Yerbury	..	..	0	G. M. Arrowsmith	..	..	1	
15	E. Clayton	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	S. Oades	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	
16	W. H. Winter	..	..	0	T. H. Cox	..	..	1	

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Berks won the toss, and their champion, G. H. Caws, found himself opposed to J. H. Blake. For nearly 3 hours he was a Pawn up, and only went under after a splendid effort. Berks were minus their strong player F. W. Neale who was down with influenza and unable to turn out. Hants. had an excellent team in the field : it was pleasant to see R. F. Barlow again in the ranks of the county of his birth, while C. T. Bennett, an old Islington player, came to Town from his new home at Bournemouth. Hants have always been fortunate on their high boards and if the competition had been 4 a-side only, would probably have won the championship on the majority of occasions

in the last 25 years! Alas that Sir George Thomas is no longer one of the quartet.

The Isle of Wight contingent opened the scoring for Hampshire when F. A. Joyce mated E. R. Farmer and a few minutes later H. D. Lloyd put the Dockyard County two up. At teatime Hants led by $3\frac{1}{2}$ — $1\frac{1}{2}$ and immediately after Gosport, in the person of H. D. Osborn made Hampshire feel still more comfortable until at 5-45 the Seaside led 7—2. Berks then made a supreme effort and with successive wins at Boards 3, 6, 14 and 16 and a draw at 15, came within an ace of pulling the match out of the fire.

Hants will now play Somerset in the final of the Montague Jones Cup, on March 14th, at Salisbury.

A match between two counties who have never previously met took place at Peterborough on January 24th, when Lincolnshire tried results with Northants and scored a handsome victory. A short time ago the seaside county did much the same thing with Notts and we sincerely hope next season will see an entry from Lincoln for the Northern Counties Championship. Score :

LINCOLNSHIRE.							NORTHANTS.						
1	H. Moss	..	..	..	..	I	J. S. Burlingham	..	..	..	0		
2	W. H. Watts	..	..	..	..	I	J. S. Greeves..	..	..	..	0		
3	J. H. Todd	..	..	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	C. H. Godwin	..	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$		
4	A. M. Sparke	..	..	..	..	I	W. Church	..	..	..	0		
5	R. Combes..	..	..	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	R. S. Henshaw	..	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$		
6	J. Parker	..	..	..	..	I	W. T. Church	..	..	..	0		
7	E. J. Baldock	..	..	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	A. J. Darnell..	..	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$		
8	N. Green	..	..	..	..	0	H. Colbert	..	..	..	I		
9	J. P. Browne	..	..	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	H. J. Wilson..	..	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$		
10	G. H. Diggle	..	..	..	..	I	C. Peach..	..	..	..	0		
11	D. Lengden	..	..	..	..	I	E. Henshaw	..	..	..	0		
12	J. E. Bond	..	..	..	..	I	J. Perry..	..	..	..	0		

The Edwin Woodhouse Cup.—Four more matches have been played in this competition and Leeds retain their grip on first place but Sheffield are only one point behind. Huddersfield notched their first win at the expense of Hull even though the latter had a fine team out. This included A. G. Conde, but it is a somewhat sultry business playing Board 1 against Huddersfield.

Leeds had a rather stormy passage with Bradford on January 31st, only winning by $5\frac{1}{2}$ — $4\frac{1}{2}$. They were greatly helped by a win by default at Board 2.

Played on January 17th.

SHEFFIELD.					HUDDERSFIELD.				
1	G. W. Moses	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	H. E. Atkins..	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	
2	W. H. Sparkes..	..	..	1	C. G. Wenyon	..	..	0	
3	H. H. Clarke	..	..	1	H. J. Lofthouse	..	..	0	
4	H. D. Rockett..	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	H. A. Cadman	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	
5	W. J. Berryman	..	..	1	H. Hinchliffe..	..	..	0	
6	J. Orange	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	F. M. Bassano	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	
7	C. North	..	..	1	H. Greenwood	..	..	0	
8	F. Ogden	..	..	1	H. Mellor	..	..	0	
9	A. R. Fleming	..	..	0	W. D. Foster..	..	..	1	
10	R. Holroyd	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	J. Calvert	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	
7					3				

HUDDERSFIELD.

1	H. E. Atkins	..	..	..	1
2	C. G. Wenyon	..	..	..	0
3	H. A. Cadman	..	..	..	1
4	H. J. Lofthouse	..	..	..	0
5	R. A. Sturgeon		..	..	1
4	F. M. Bassano	..	..	..	0
7	H. Greenwood	..	..	..	1
8	W. D. Foster	..	..	..	0
9	J. Calvert	..	..	..	1
10	E. Winterbottom	..	..	..	1

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HULL.

A. G. Conde	..	..	..	..	0
W. Atkinson	..	..	..	..	1
J. J. Shields	..	..	..	..	0
G. Barron	..	..	..	..	1
S. Jackson	..	..	..	..	0
R. Bainbridge	..	..	..	..	1
E. Hanger	..	..	..	..	0
E. J. Adams	..	..	..	..	1
S. V. Foulstone	..	..	..	..	0
T. Banks	..	..	..	..	0

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POSITIONS OF THE CLUBS.

										Matches.				Games.				
										P.	W.	L.	D.		W.	L.	D.	Pts.
Leeds	..	..	..	..	0	4	0	1	..	21	15	14	..	9				
Sheffield	..	..	..	..	5	4	1	0	..	17	8	23	..	8				
Hull	..	..	..	..	6	3	0	0	..	22	19	19	..	6				
Bradford	..	..	..	..	6	1	4	1	..	16	18	26	..	3				
Huddersfield	..	..	..	..	6	1	5	0	..	14	30	16	..	2				

Our very best thanks are tendered to J. Croysdale for the prompt way he kept us *au courant* with the results.

The president of the Bradford Chess Club, Mr. F. J. Reddihough, entertained the members to the number of about one hundred, to dinner on Friday, February 20th. The function took place in the spacious dining hall of the Bradford Liberal Club, and Mr. Reddihough was supported by the club officials, and three immediate past presidents, Messrs. Harry Sowden, I. M. Brown and J. W. Morton. After the dinner an excellent concert party contributed greatly to the evening's enjoyment. Mr. I. M. Brown proposed, and Mr. Morton seconded, a hearty vote of thanks to the president for his hospitality. Mr. Steele proposed a vote of thanks to the organising committee which consisted of Messrs. W. Bell, H. Ford and H. L. Brooke. The adjoined menu will be of interest.

MENU

SOUPS

Clear Mock Turtle
Cream Alexandra

FISH

Filet Soles Duclaret

ENTREE

Veal and Ham Patties

ROAST TURKEY
Baked Potatoes
Mashed Potatoes
Cauliflower

SWEETS

Peach Melba

CHEESE

Toast: "THE KING"

COFFEE

P-K 4
Baldon Gambit

Kt x K
This is a
"Steele" move

K x R
When the Pie
was opened
Q x Q
Turkey Trot
move—
"That to me"

Kt x R
Fruits of bad
play

P-K 7 C.K.
This is a
binding move

Draw by Stale
Mate

From the *Yorkshire Telegraph and Star* :—

The Sporting Spirit.—With regard to our note last week on the sportsmanship shown by the Maltby Chess Club in not pressing their claims to score matches by default when opposing clubs have failed to appear without giving reasonable notice, J. H. Townend, of Dalton, writes that the other clubs have been equally "sporty." He says: "This procedure has been a feature of the competition ever since the league was formed. I am not aware of any case where a match has been claimed because the opposing club has found difficulty in raising a team on the date fixed. On one occasion this season we waived our claim, and we have found this same exemplary sportsmanship shown by other clubs."

A new Club was founded at Pendleton on January 1st, to be known as the Pendleton and District Chess Club.

J. R. M. Albrecht was elected president, while S. S. Powlson, of 2 Spring Gardens, Pendleton, accepted the office of hon. secretary. The Club Room is at 431 Broad Street, meeting nights being Monday and Friday, 7-30—10 p.m. The membership already exceeds 20 and we wish the venture all success.

Score of the match played at 34 Stamford Hill on Tuesday, February 3rd, between University of London Chess Club and North London Chess Club and won by the University, 7—5

U.L.C.H.C.					NORTH LONDON.				
1	R. F. Goldstein (b) ..	..	..	½	E. J. Price ..	..	..	..	½
2	L. Klein ..	..	..	½	E. J. Randall ..	..	..	..	½
3	N. F. Maclagan ..	..	..	½	F. A. Richardson ..	..	..	..	½
4	J. A. Allcock ..	..	..	1	E. D. Palmer ..	..	..	..	0
5	G. E. Mold ..	..	..	1	C. E. Harris ..	..	..	..	0
6	W. L. Roche ..	..	..	½	Rev. W. L. Freer ..	..	..	..	½
7	E. J. Scrimgeour ..	..	..	½	J. Strachstein ..	..	..	..	½
8	P. B. Botcherby ..	..	..	½	E. A. Cave ..	..	..	..	½
9	T. G. Griggs ..	..	..	½	R. Goddard ..	..	..	..	½
10	H. S. Robinson ..	..	..	½	M. Black ..	..	..	..	½
11	L. Piyamedhi ..	..	..	½	H. G. Exell ..	..	..	..	½
12	T. Bispham ..	..	..	½	H. Wilson ..	..	..	..	½
7					5				

The Kriegspiel tournament for the Championship of the "Gambit Chess Rooms" (Budge Row, Cannon Street), commenced on February 9th.

There were 29 entries divided into 3 sections as follows :—

A.—F. F. L. Alexander, L. W. Dodds, C. W. Hopper, R. E. Kemp, E. T. Marshall, H. B. Mitchell, A. Neufeld, F. Saville, W. O. Woodfield.

B.—H. Buck, W. J. C. Evans, E. T. Jesty, J. A. Leon, H. E. D. Lloyd, E. W. Osler, E. Coombs, J. Roselaah, E. H. Shaw, B. Thomas.

C.—J. F. Allcock, M. Austin, E. H. Church, A. Felber (present champion), D. Gladby, A. Rutherford, N. Schwarz, R. H. S. Stevenson, J. P. Thomas, C. A. Thorogood.

The three winners in each Section will play off for the prizes.

West London travelled to Oxford on January 29th and just lost a 15-board match with Oxford University, by 7 points to 6.

OXFORD UNIVERSITY.					WEST LONDON.				
1	A. Oppenheim	..	..	0	W. H. Regan	..	..	..	1
2	J. S. A. Wheatcroft	..	..	1	Dr. F. S. Duncan	..	..	..	0
3	K. H. Bancroft	..	..	*	C. E. Ford	..	..	..	*
4	A. W. Stonier	..	..	1	F. Downey	..	..	..	0
5	J. R. Mitchell	..	..	0	R. Eastman	..	..	..	1
6	F. E. C. Jones	..	..	1	W. Henderson	..	..	..	0
7	L. H. Scott	..	..	0	W. S. Wallis	..	..	..	1
8	H. F. Sutherland	..	..	*	H. A. Brady	..	..	..	*
9	J. Cortigan	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	V. C. Grimshaw	..	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$
10	E. P. C. Cotter	..	..	1	C. Zilva	..	..	..	0
11	F. S. Stevens	..	..	0	W. H. Robertson	..	..	..	1
12	E. O. T. Simpson	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	A. J. Dennis	..	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$
13	J. T. King	..	..	0	E. C. Bowen	..	..	..	1
14	M. Fraser	..	..	1	J. Kelly	..	..	..	0
15	H. R. Calvert	..	..	1	J. W. Bryceson	..	..	..	0
7					6				

A return match *v.* The Combined Universities will be played at Hampshire House, Hammersmith, W.6, on March 21st, at 3 p.m.

In the return match *v.* the War Office, the Imperial Chess Club won 10—2, played on Friday, January 30th, at 62 Brooke Street.

Also at the same place they won against Lloyds Bank, on Tuesday, February 10th, 8—7—a very close and interesting match.

The official notice of the Boys' Easter Chess Congress at Hastings is now to hand and shows that another of these interesting gatherings is well under way.

It will start at 6 p.m. on Monday, April 20th, and conclude on Saturday, April 25th.

The Competitors will be arranged in sections, the sectional winners playing a Final for the Championship.

The Competition is limited to Boys whose 18th Birthday is on 1st May, 1925, or later.

Arrangements will be made, if necessary, for Boys to stay at a local hotel, owned by a Member of the Chess Club, at a moderate charge.

Further particulars will be forwarded later, but it will greatly facilitate the work of the Committee if entries, accompanied by the Entrance Fee of 2/6, be sent to the Honorary Secretary, Boys' Congress, Sub-Committee, address as above, as soon as possible.

In addition, an Evening Tournament for Boys will be held at the Hastings and St. Leonards Chess Club, starting on Thursday, April 2nd, and finishing on Tuesday, April 7th. Entrance Fee, 1/-.

The age is the same as for the Championship Tournament, but the entrants will be placed in sections according to age, the date of birth being stated on a Competitor's entry.

The credentials of the members of the Committee as printed after their names give the necessary hall mark to the proceedings.

H. E. Dobell (*President, Hastings Chess Club*), T. R. Kirkpatrick (*Treasurer*), E. H. Jukes (*Headmaster, retired*), W. H. King (*Principal, St. Leonards Collegiate School*), G. M. Norman (*Headmaster, School of Science*), G. F. H. Packer (*Grammar School, Hastings*), R. H. Brown, F. A. Riley (*Hon. Secretary, Boys' Congress Sub-Committee*).

Strenuous efforts are being made to save the new weekly *Chess Budget* from collapse through want of a little more support.

A letter, signed by G. Wernick, H. Meek, and G. R. Hardcastle has been sent to all chess organisations and it is to be hoped to place this useful periodical in a solvent position. *The Chess Budget* aims at publishing all match results, especially the London and other Leagues, which do not appear elsewhere and of which records may otherwise be entirely lost.

The *Budget* is edited by W. H. Watts, and published at 34 Red Lion Square, Holborn, W.C., the annual subscription being 6/8 post free.

A. Rubinstein is having a most successful tour in the North of England. On January 26th he played simultaneously against 30 members of the Manchester Athenaeum Chess Club, at the conclusion of their Jubilee dinner, losing only 3. On the following day he played 29 games at the Jewish Working Men's Club, losing 1 (to J. Sidebottom), drawing 4 and winning 24.

On January 31st he played 3 games simultaneously against strong amateurs in consultation, 3 at a board. This took place at the Manchester Chess Club. At Board 1, W. A. Fairhurst, C. Boyce and B. Price were his opponents. At Board 2, Arthur Eva, G. H. Midgley and J. Windsor-Burgess. Board 3, Professor R. Robinson, T. Kelly and A. F. Morrell.

The first game was left unfinished but the Polish master won the other two.

Mr. Baylis has again kindly kept us up to date with the doings of the London Commercial Chess League which shows that Lloyds and Nestanglo are holding first and second places respectively. The success of the latter is not surprising as the club was fathered in the days of its youth by Mr. A. J. Maas, who is now engaged in establishing a chess centre at Hyeres, on the Riviera.

LONDON COMMERCIAL CHESS LEAGUE.

	P.	W.	D.	L.	Pts.
Lloyds	7	6	1	0	6½
Nestanglo	7	6	0	1	6
Shell Mex	7	5	0	2	5
St. Helen's Court	7	4	1	2	4½
Cornhill Chess Club	6	3	0	3	3
Mex	6	2	1	3	2½
Bowrings	7	2	1	4	2½
Morton's	7	2	0	5	2
Motor Union	5	1	0	4	1
Sedgwick Collins	7	0	0	7	0

The great match for the virtual winning of the Hamilton-Russell cup was played between the Royal Automobile and National Liberal Club at the headquarters of the latter, on February 10th. After three adjudications the contest was a draw and will have to be replayed!

Every one of the twelve players had a reputation to sustain and such an encounter is almost always interesting. Score:—

NATIONAL LIBERAL CLUB.					R.A.C.					
1	B. E. Siegheim	..	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	Sir George Thomas, Bart.	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	
2	E. Morgan	..	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	R. Eastman	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	
3	V. A. Halford	..	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	J. H. Morrison	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	
4	Dr. J. Schumer	..	..	..	1	G. E. Fulstow	..	..	0	
5	F. Salmony	..	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	W. J. Evans	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	
6	H. D. Roome	..	..	..	0	E. Titley	..	..	1	
					3					
					3					

Worcestershire Senior Clubs' Championship.—Worcester College for the Blind won their return match against Malvern by 5 games to 1 on the first 6 boards, which count for the championship, and 5½ to 1½ over the 7 boards. The match, which was played at the College on Wednesday, was more level than the score indicates, the games being strenuously contested on most of the boards. Scores:—

COLLEGE FOR THE BLIND.					MALVERN.						
1	G. C. Brown	..	..	..	1	W. Summers	..	..	..	0	
2	T. Hodgson	..	..	..	0	J. C. Moulder	..	..	..	1	
3	R. Bonham	..	..	..	1	Rev. F. W. H. Guttridge	..	..	..	0	
4	M. Bates (Capt.)	..	..	..	1	S. Hancock	..	..	..	0	
5	W. V. Miede	..	..	..	1	Mrs. Battram	..	..	..	0	
6	A. Brace	..	..	..	1	T. Evans	..	..	..	0	
7	E. E. Davies	..	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	P. Wilson	..	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	
					5 $\frac{1}{2}$						1 $\frac{1}{2}$

The games in the matches College for the Blind v. Redditch, and Redditch v. Worcester City, which were sent for adjudication, have now been received and make the results of these matches: College for the Blind 4, Redditch 2; Redditch 3½, Worcester City 2½. The College now goes to the top of the table, having the same number of points as Worcester City, but a superior game average and a match in hand.

SENIOR CLUBS CHAMPIONSHIP.—SOUTHERN SECTION.

SENIOR CLUBS CHAMPIONSHIP. SOUTHERN DIVISION.										
										Games.
	P.	W.	D.	L.	For	Ag'st.	Pts.			
College for the Blind ..	4	3	0	1	15	9	6			
Worcester City ..	5	3*	0	2	13½	10½	6			
Redditch ..	4	2	0	2*	10½	7½	4			
Malvern ..	5	1	0	4	9	21	2			
* One by default.										

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In the Northern Section Stourbridge lead with 10 points in 6 matches ; Stourport come second with 6 points in 4 matches.

Chess in Dublin.—The matches for the Armstrong Cup, the chief competition of the Dublin chess season, are proceeding satisfactorily. The competing teams of eight players each are six in number, *viz.* : Blackrock, Dublin, Dublin University, G.H.Q. (National Army), Sackville and University College. Out and home matches are played.

As often before, the competition looks like resolving itself into a struggle between the Dublin and Sackville clubs, with the odds slightly in favour of the latter. Each of these teams has hitherto beaten all its other opponents, but in the first match between these clubs victory has gone to the younger organisation. Full score is appended. The individual result at Board 1, where the ex-Irish champion defeated the present holder of the title, was the most interesting feature of the contest.

Blackrock, among the other clubs, is doing very well and gave the Sackville a fright in their last contest which it lost by 3½ to 4½.

Sackville *v.* Dublin, Armstrong Cup Match, played 19th January, at La Scala Restaurant. Scores :—

SACKVILLE.						DUBLIN.					
1 P. Baker ..	..	..	..	..	0	T. G. Cranston ..	..	..	..	..	1
2 C. J. Barry ..	..	..	..	..	1	N. H. Wallace ..	..	..	..	..	0
3 T. P. Kane ..	..	..	..	..	1	J. Creevey ..	..	..	..	..	0
4 J. M. Hickey ..	..	..	..	..	1	F. Hobson ..	..	..	..	..	0
5 A. Sayers ..	..	..	..	..	0	P. J. Laracy ..	..	..	..	..	1
6 P. W. Whelan ..	..	..	..	..	½	W. Moffat Wilson ..	..	..	..	..	½
7 J. H. Jacobs ..	..	..	..	..	1	H. McIlwaine ..	..	..	..	..	0
8 C. T. Keatinge ..	..	..	..	..	0	A. F. Falkiner ..	..	..	..	..	1
4½						3½					

Hampstead took down to Cambridge on February 21st a very strong team for their match with the University C.C., but any expectations of a runaway victory were speedily falsified. The varsity team deserves all credit for the way in which they brought "The Team of all the Talents" to its knees. As one of the visiting team wending their weary way homewards remarked, the match would have furnished good material for a tragi-comedy film, "How the Cracks Cracked" or alternatively "How the Crocks Crocked."

The games themselves presented some amusing features. On the top board a Double Stonewall played in world-championship style, led to a complete block, in which the two combatants, exhausted by the exertion of exchanging off one piece in three hours, agreed to a draw, seeing no prospect of finishing before next day. Griffith sacrificed a piece for an inadequate attack, and his attempts to bolster up the attack by further sacrifices, roused the admiration of the gallery without intimidating his adversary. Watts won a piece but then made a blunder and his opponent blandly administered perpetual check, but was disconcerted to find that he could have won a clear Rook on the move. At the close of play the score was $2\frac{1}{2}$ — $1\frac{1}{2}$ in favour of the home team, and after the games on boards 2 and 7 had been agreed, it was decided to send the position on board 3 for adjudication.

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY.					HAMPSTEAD.				
1	B. Goulding Brown	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	M. E. Goldstein	..	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$
2	H. J. C. Herrick	..	..	1	R. C. Griffith	..	..	..	0
3	G. E. Hewson	..	..	*	J. du Mont	..	..	..	*
4	J. Pepper	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	W. E. Bonwick	..	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$
5	A. H. Wilson	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	W. H. Watts	..	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$
6	M. Verno	..	..	1	E. Busvine	..	..	..	0
7	J. E. Caro	..	..	0	G. W. Richmond	..	..	..	1
$3\frac{1}{2}$					$2\frac{1}{2}$				

* Adjudication by Mr. Amos Burn.

Our esteemed subscriber, A. M. Fox, sends the following which he thinks will interest the younger generation of players.

In the nineties of last century the late Professor Klein was a member of the British Chess Club (now no more).

The late Wordsworth Donisthorpe, a prominent member, composed a rhyming alphabet of the various members. K was as follows:

“K stands for Klein, the bacillus’s horror
At chess I would back the bacillus termorrer.”

It was only good-humoured banter but was not published in the old *Chess Monthly* with the rest of the alphabet.

We have received the first number of *L’Echiquier*, an international chess review, which is to be published at the beginning of each month, under the general editorship of M. E. Lancel. The price is 3.50 francs per number, or 40 francs a year (outside Belgium).

The opening issue is very promising, and contains, besides chess news, etc., games annotated by Alekhine, Znosko-Borovski and others, and a number of end-game studies and problems.

Those of our readers who desire to receive a free specimen copy of the new magazine should write to M. Lancel, 79 rue Gillon, Brussels.

NEWS FROM THE DOMINIONS AND FOREIGN LANDS.

South Africa.—Kostich opened his visit to Cape Town with a blindfold against seven players, winning all the games. He also commenced a short match with A. J. A. Cameron.

United States.—The "C.H.Y.P." Chess League was suddenly brought to an end at the beginning of this year, Harvard, Yale and Princeton Universities withdrawing from it after it had been in existence for 32 years. It appears that the success of the remaining competitor, Columbia, for 10 years in succession, culminating in a 12—0 win on the last occasion, gave rise to a feeling that Columbia had, under the rules as to eligibility of players, an undue advantage over the rest. Moreover, Columbia had won the cup outright; though that, no doubt, was a matter which could have been adjusted.

France.—On Sunday, February 1st, Alexander Alekhine set up a new world's record with a simultaneous blindfold exhibition against 28 opponents at the rooms of the *Petit Parisien*, rue d'Enghien, Paris. He won 22 games, drew 3, and lost 3.

The time occupied over this display was 12 hours and 40 minutes without a break.

We note from the report in *The Observer* that the openings adopted by Alekhine on the various boards could be classified as follows (a suggestive fact to those interested in the mnemonic aspect of blindfold chess):—First 7 boards, King's Pawn openings; next 6, Queen's Pawn openings; 14th board, Bird's; next 7, King's Pawn; next 6, Queen's Pawn; last board, Bird's.

A tournament at the Palais Royal has been won by E. Znosko-Borovsky, with a score of 12 out of 16. A second tournament, limited to masters, and played in two rounds, began last month. The competitors were Alekhine, Tartakover, Znosko-Borovsky, Colle and Opocenski.

Germany.—16 players entered for the championship of the Berlin Schachgesellschaft:—Sämisch, Post, Kagan, Wegemund, Richter, Dührssen, Adeler, von Hennig, Elstner, Erelis, Grammatikoff, W. Koch, Steneberg, Kretzschmar, P. Wächter, and Westphal.

The German Chess Federation will hold its congress this year at Breslau, July 19th—August 5th. An international masters' tournament is in contemplation.

Dr. Tarrasch announces a master tournament (20 players) at Baden-Baden, April 15th—May 15th.

The *Deutsches Wochenschach* of January 25th prints (from German sources in Czecho-Slovakia) 5 off-hand games of Steinitz in 1859-60, which are said to be hitherto unknown. Two of them are wins against P. Meitner.

Holland.—The final score in the match Euwe—Davidson was 5—1, with 3 draws.

Jugoslavia.—It is proposed to have a match of 10 games, beginning about the middle of May and continuing for 5 weeks, between Dr. Em. Lasker and Dr. Vidmar. Of the games, 4 are to be played in Belgrade, 4 in Laibach, and 2 in Agram. The contest should be an interesting one, though we do not anticipate that the ex-champion of the world will lose a match-record spoilt only by his defeat by Capablanca in Havana, since when he has given convincing proof of his unimpaired form so far as tournament-play is concerned.

Argentina.—Damian M. Reca and Roberto Grau are to play a match this month to decide the Argentine championship. By way of training Señor Reca has been playing a short match with Reti.

Russia.—Bogoljuboff has won a match against Romanovsky at Petrograd by 5—1, with 6 draws.

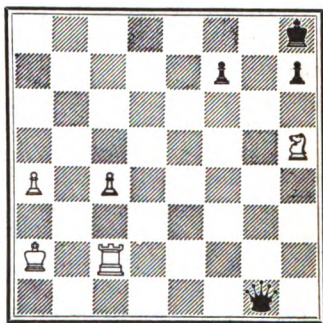
Czecho-Slovakia.—The Jubilee tournament of the Carlsbad C.C. has been won by Dr. Schindler, with a score of 11 out of 12.

The *Magyar Sakkvilág* for January, 1925, is an excellent number, with an account of the recent Hastings congress, from the pen of Mr. Lazlo Toth, who competed in the First Class Reserves there. It has also articles on Capablanca, by Dr. S. Tarrasch, Dr. S. G. Tartakover, Dr. M. Euwe, R. Reti, Dr. A. Vadjá, and F. Chalupetzky, of whom the last-named annotates a number of the champion's games; and much other matter, which, alas! one thing is lacking to enable us to appreciate better—an acquaintance with the Hungarian language.

END-GAME.

The Polish master, D. Przepiorka, who spent a few days in London after his departure from Hastings, showed us the following extraordinary end-game of his composition. He says that it proved a puzzle to both Lasker and Tarrasch, and that when it was published in a Polish magazine three years ago no correct solutions were sent in.

Can any of our readers do better?



White to play and win.

THE BRITISH CORRESPONDENCE CHESS ASSOCIATION.

All communications respecting these pages should be addressed to Mr. H. E. Matthews, 37 Anson Street, Monton, Eccles, Manchester. New members will be welcomed at any time and games can always be arranged for them at short notice.

Members are asked to note that Mr. A. Sheppard has kindly consented to take over the match captaincy and that his address is : Wootton Road, Gaywood, Kings Lynn. The arrangements for a return match against the *Chess Amateur* are approaching completion. Mr. Sheppard would be glad to hear from members willing to take boards, but who did not express such a wish when filling up their entrance forms. Offers from our stronger players would be particularly welcome so that our team might truly represent our playing strength.

We are glad to announce that our magazine is now in the hands of the printers. The delay in its preparation is much regretted, but as this subject is referred to at some length in the magazine, we will not dwell on it here.

Trophies Tourney.—Further results are published below. We are glad to see that a new member, Mr. L. C. G. Dewing, is giving a good account of himself in Class 1a. Class 1a : L. C. G. Dewing 1, P. J. Lawrence 0. Class 1b : H. D. Rockett 1, E. Parsons 0 ; H. W. Shardlow 1, E. Parsons 0 ; H. W. Shardlow 1, K. G. Jayne 0 ; H. J. H. Cope 1, H. W. Shardlow 0. Class 2b : M. J. Malone has retired. Class 3b : J. Moore 1, P. Armitage 0 ; C. S. Pindar 1, H. C. Godfrey 0 ; C. S. Pindar 1, J. L. Rynders 0 ; A. P. White 1, W. H. Haydon 0 ; H. C. Godfrey 1, A. P. White 0. Class 3c : R. Hopkins 1, E. Behrndt 0 ; N. Ovington 1, E. Behrndt 0. Class 4a : Miss H. Chater 1, W. H. Laslett 0 ; W. Lambert 1, J. E. Dutton 0. Class 4b : F. S. Marsden 1, W. E. Hollingdale 0 ; F. S. Marsden 1, W. Milburn 0 ; L. C. Seymour 1, W. E. Hollingdale 0 ; W. E. Hollingdale 1, T. N. Fisher 0. Class 5a : R. G. Somerville 1, J. H. Griffin 0 ; R. W. Houghton 1, C. S. Burton 0 ; R. W. Houghton 1, A. A. Kennedy 0. Class 5b : J. C. Derlien 1, J. A. Stanton 0 ; J. C. Derlien 1, O. Newbold 0 ; J. A. Stanton 1, J. T. D. Halford 0.

Handicap Tourney.—The following results have been received since the commencement of the new tourney. Members are reminded that there is no restriction on the number of games that each may play. Mr. Wilson is always pleased to hear from those who are seeking new opponents.

Wins : Aston *v.* Rynders ; Dancer *v.* Anderton ; Anderton *v.* Behrndt ; Armitage *v.* Snook ; Clarke *v.* Behrndt, Lister (2), Miss Eveling (2) ; Chambers *v.* Gale, Munro (2) ; Miss Chater *v.* Wilcox,

Hollingdale ; Evill *v.* Bodkin, Behrndt, Rynders ; Gurney *v.* Tott (2), Behrndt, Lister ; Gonzalves *v.* Murray ; Hollingdale *v.* Laslett (2), Seymore ; Heywood *v.* Miss New ; Hume *v.* Holland, Miss Chater (2) ; Houghton *v.* Wilcox ; Holland *v.* Hume (2) ; Lyne *v.* Stone (2) ; Lord *v.* Munro (2) ; Murray *v.* Nobrego (2) ; Maden *v.* Clarke ; McClusky *v.* Hayes (2) ; Milburn *v.* Holland, Hayden ; Ovington *v.* Rynders ; Rynders *v.* Wilson ; Roper *v.* Seymore ; Stoneman *v.* Simeon (2) ; Somerville *v.* Wilcox, Ovington ; Seymore *v.* Hollingdale, (2), Stone (2) ; Tollit *v.* Newbold (2), Davis ; Wilcox *v.* Stone (2) ; Ward *v.* Munro (2) ; Skelton *v.* Heydon (2). *Draws* : Aston *v.* Rynders ; Anderton *v.* Dancer, Behrndt ; Behrndt *v.* Gurney, Clarke, Anderton ; Miss Chater *v.* Wilcox, Hollingdale ; Duffel *v.* Joyce (2) ; Fairclough *v.* Maden (2) ; Gurney *v.* Lister ; Heywood *v.* Skelton ; Skelton *v.* Haydon.

Knock-out Tourney Results.—First Tourney, Section C : 1, E. Bodkin 2 ; 2, S. G. Duffell 1 ; 3, O. Newbold 0. Section D : W. M. Bussell beat J. H. Griffin ; Section J : Rev. P. Armitage beat W. E. Hollingdale. Section L : N. Ovington beat Miss H. Chater. Second Tourney, Section D : W. Lambert beat P. Wilson. Section G : J. W. Wood beat E. Behrndt. Section K : R. Evans beat C. S. Burton.

CORRESPONDENCE.

THE "BASLE NACHRICHTEN" AND OUR CRITIC.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE *B.C.M.*

DEAR SIR,—It is as an old acquaintance of your valued periodical, and not merely as friend and colleague of Dr. Voellmy, my chief on the editorial staff of the *Schweizerische Schachzeitung*, that I should like to refer to the criticism published in your December issue, on p. 484, concerning the chess column of the *Basle Nachrichten*, of which Dr. Voellmy is also editor.

Allow me first to state certain facts. The *Nachrichten* did not, as your critic seems to imply, publish an End-game position, with an incomplete and misleading solution. The chess column of September 12th last, printed the *whole* of the Chéron-Muffang game ; after Black's 20th move a diagram of the position was given, and the following note added (translation) : " At this juncture White had an ingenious winning move, *viz.*, 21 R—R 4, which was pointed out by A. Gibaud. For instance (*Zum Beispiel*), 21... Q×P ; 22 R—K B 4, Q×Kt P ; 23 P×Kt ch, and if now (*und wenn nun*) Kt×P, then (*so*) mate in two moves by either R×B ch, etc. By this oversight . . . "

The quotation makes it perfectly clear that Dr. Voellmy—who by the way, is also a first-class amateur, as his successes in Swiss championships, international team matches and the Paris tournament abundantly show—never intended his brief note to exhaust the subject. Chess columns are often limited by want of space, and difficult positions are, as you know, not infrequently dealt with in summary fashion, or simply ignored, even in first-class chess magazines.

The critic of the *B.C.M.* having asked the editor of the *Basle Nachrichten* to show how White wins in the two alternatives proposed on p. 484, Dr. Voellmy has requested me to submit you the following analysis, worked out in September last, at the time of publication.

(1) After 21 R—R 4, P—Q 4; 22 R—K B 4, it is fairly obvious that *Castling* leads to a hopeless situation, thus: 23 P×Kt ch, Kt×P (or K—B 2, 24 B×B winning two pieces and threatening P—Q Kt 4. Perhaps 24 R×B is even stronger); 24 R (B 4)×B, R×R (Q—Q 5 ch is useless and merely exposes the Queen to attack later on); 25 R×R ch, K—B 2; 26 B—B 4 ch, P—K 4 (the only move); 27 R—B 7, P×B; 28 R×Kt ch, King moves; 29 Kt×Q P, Q×P; 30 P×P and White must win.

(2) We agree with your critic that if Black refrains from Castling, K—B 2 is a better reply to P×Kt ch than Kt×P. But White wins all the same as follows: 21 R—R 4, Q×P; 22 R—K B 4, Q—Q Kt 3 (in order to guard Q 1); 23 P×Kt ch, K—B 2; 24 B×B. Now Black is pretty well obliged to take: R×B, which leads to 25 R—R 7 ch, K—Kt 1 (If 25... K—Kt 3; 26 B—B 5 ch, K—Kt 4; 27 R—Kt 7 ch and mates in a few); 26 R×P. White now threatens 27 B—K 6 ch, 28 R—R 4 ch, and also 27 R×Kt.

Should Black prefer 22... Q×Kt P, attacking the Rook, the Pawn at Q 7 becomes still more dangerous, e.g., 23 P×Kt ch, K—B 2; 24 R×Kt ch (can also be played a move later), P×R (best); 25 R×B ch, R×R (is there a better move?); 26 B×R. White now has two Bishops and a Knight, plus a formidable Pawn at the seventh, against a Queen. 26... Q—Kt 5 ch; 27 P—K 3, P—B 4; 28 B×Q P, Q—Q 1 (to prevent B—B 7); 29 B×P. White now guards against possible attacks by P—Kt 4, and Kt—Q 5 soon settles matters.

(3) The idea of playing 21 P—Q 4 for Black would appear to be to follow up R—K B 4 by P—Q 5, with some show of counter-attack. Personally, I would guard against this by simply pushing up P—K 3. Black is helpless and can do nothing to prevent R—K B 4, which threatens to wreck his game. Dr. Voellmy tells me that he does not even think P—K 3 necessary; he is prepared to show that 22 R—K B 4 at once, sacrificing the Knight is unanswerable.

May I add that the *Strategie* (October, 1924, p. 245) published this game with notes by the winner [? first player] who entirely agrees that 21 R—R 4 is a winning move. I feel sure that in so doing my friend, M. Chéron, who is an amateur of no mean ability, bore in mind the exhaustive investigation to which his game was subjected at Strasbourg, in the presence no doubt both of M. Muffang himself and of Alekhine. I do not think it necessary to trouble him for confirmation of this particular point.

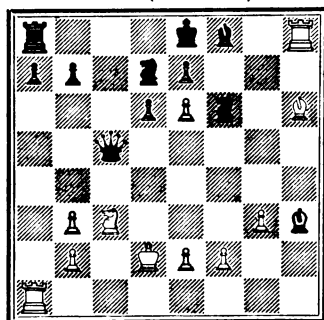
I beg to remain, dear Sir,

Yours faithfully,

GENEVA, 17 RUE TOEPFFER,
January. 1925.

K. DE WATTEVILLE.

BLACK (MUFFANG).



WHITE (CHÉRON).

We regret the misapprehension of fact involved in representing the original publication in the *Basle Nachrichten* as that of an ending from play instead of as a whole game. Our note was intended as a protest and a challenge; a protest against a departure from the sound principle of criticism which requires that conclusions be not founded upon weak variations; and a challenge to return to sound methods. With what is said of Dr. Voellmy's standing as a player and analyst we cordially agree; it was that standing which in our judgment gave importance to the matter. We reprint the diagram of the position to enable our readers to follow the analysis now kindly furnished, which vindicates the original main conclusion.

(Ed. Game Department).

GAMES DEPARTMENT.

GAME No. 5,361.

Played at the Hastings Congress on December 31st, 1924. Notes specially contributed by Dr. S. G. Tartakover.

Sicilian Defence.

WHITE.
DR. TARTAKOVER.

BLACK.
E. COLLE.

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| 1 P—K 4 | 1 P—Q B 4 |
| 2 Kt—K B 3 | 2 Kt—Q B 3 |
| 3 B—K 2 | |

Unusual, but well in accordance with the modern tendency not to throw all one's forces too quickly into the fray.

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| 4 P—Q 4 | 3 P—Q 3 |
| 5 Kt×P | 4 P×P |
| 6 B—B 3 | 5 Kt—B 3 |

The sacrifice of a Pawn by 6 Castles would scarcely be correct. Now White threatens Kt×Kt, P×Kt; P—K 5, etc.

6 B—Q 2

.....Alekhine—Sämisch, Berlin, 1921, continued 6..., Kt—K 4; 7 P—B 4, Kt×B ch; 8 Q×Kt+.

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| 7 Castles | 7 P K Kt 3 |
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.....The familiar fianchetto in the Sicilian, which White endeavours to meet in a novel way.

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| 8 P—Q Kt 3 | 8 Kt×Kt |
| 9 Q×Kt | 9 B—Kt 2 |

.....The threat of Kt—R 4 looks terrible; but White continues his development calmly, trusting in the superiority of his Queen's side Pawns.

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| 10 Kt—B 3! | 10 Castles |
| 11 B—Kt 2 | 11 Kt—K 1 |
| 12 Q—Q 3 | 12 R—B 1 |

.....Apart from the oblique pressure of his King's Bishop, Black now begins the frontal

attack with his heavy pieces. But White is in no hurry to free himself by 13 Kt—Q 1, B×B; 14 Kt×B, for then by P—Q Kt 4 Black can simplify his game.

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| 13 Q R—Kt 1 | 13 P—Q R 3 |
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.....If B×Kt, then 14 B×B, Q—B 2; 15 B—R 1! Q×P; 16 Q—Q 4, Kt—B 3; 17 Q×R P, with a difficult position for Black.

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| 14 Kt—Q 5 | 14 B×B |
| 15 R×B | 15 P—K 3 |
| 16 Kt—K 3 | 16 Q—B 3 |
| 17 K R—Kt 1! | |

More energetic than 17 Kt—Q 1. Black's reply is his best chance of equalising the position, since after 17..., R—B 6; 18 Q—Q 2, Black would have great difficulty in parrying the threat of 19 Kt—Kt 4 Q—Kt 2; 20 P—K 5.

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| 18 Q×Q | 17 Q—B 6 |
| 19 Kt—Q 1 | 18 R×Q |
| | 19 R—B 2 |

.....As the sequel shows, R—B 1 would have been better. The Pawn-battle ensuing is very instructive. Black's counter-chances are fair enough, but in the end it is the weakness of his Queen's Pawn which decides the struggle in favour of White.

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| 20 P—B 4 | 20 B—B 3 |
| 21 Kt—B 3 | 21 P—B 4 |
| 22 R—Q 2 | 22 P—Q Kt 4! |

.....Black is now counter-mining White's position. There is an ingenious method, however, of avoiding all danger.

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| 23 B P×P | 23 R P×P |
| 24 B—K 2! | 24 P—Kt 5 |

.....If 24... R—Q Kt 2; 25 P×P, Kt P×P; 26 R—Q B 1, and the White Rooks dominate the open files.

25 Kt—Kt 5 25 B×P

.....Naturally 25... B×Kt; 26 B×B, P×P; 27 B×Kt, R×B; 28 R×P, R—B 7; 29 R—Q 4, R—K B 1; 30 R—K B 1 leaves White with the advantage also.

26 Kt×R 26 B×R
27 Kt×P

Black had only considered 27 Kt×Kt, R×Kt; 28 R×P, 29 B—B 4, K—B 2, with a practically equal position. The text-move upsets his calculations. The weakness of Black's Knight on K 1 tells in the ending.

27 R—B 3
28 B—B 4 28 K—R 1

.....A disagreeable necessity.

29 P—B 3! 29 R—B 2

.....If P—B 5, then 30 R—Q 1, B—B 4 (not B×P; 31 R—R 1); 31 Kt×P. Or 30... B—B 7; 31 R—Q B 1, B—Q 6; 32 Kt×P.

30 R—Kt 2 30 P—Q 4
31 B×P 31 R—Q 2
32 Kt—B 4 32 P—Kt 4
33 R×B 33 P×Kt
34 B—B 6 34 R—K 2
35 B×Kt 35 R×B

(See Diagram)

.....This position, like all Rook v. Rook endings, is not so easy to win as it looks.

36 K—B 2 36 R—Q B 1
37 R—Q 1 37 K—Kt 2
38 K—K 2 38 R—Q 1
39 R—Q 2 39 R—Q R 1
40 K—Q 1

After 40 K—Q 3, R—Q B 1; 41 R—Q B 2, R—Q 1 ch; 42 K—B 4, R—B 1 ch, and the tune starts again!

40 K—B 3
41 K—B 1 41 K—K 4

42 K—Kt 2 42 R—R 3
43 P—Q R 4!

The only winning line.

43 P×P *e.p.* ch
44 K—R 2 44 R—R 3
45 P—Q Kt 4

An unexpected reply, which is much stronger than 45 P—R 3; and also than 43 K×P—when comes R—R 3 ch; 44 K—Kt 2, R—Q Kt 3.

45 R—R 3

.....After R×P; 46 P—Kt 5 R—R 3; 47 K×P, Black's death-agony would have started.

46 K—Kt 3 46 P—R 4
47 R—R 2 47 K—Q 5
48 P—Kt 5 48 R—K 3

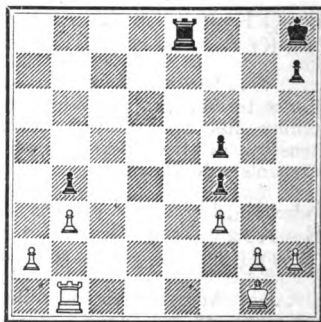
.....Even in this desperate position there was a trap to be avoided, *viz.*, 48... R—K Kt 3; 49 K×P? K—B 6!; 50 K—R 4?? R—Kt 1; 51 R—R 3 ch, K—B 5—and Black wins. But, of course, White would have played 49 K—Kt 4 and won without difficulty.

49 K—Kt 4 R—K 8
50 R×P 50 R—Kt 8 ch
51 R—Kt 3 51 R—Q R 8
52 P—Kt 6 52 Resigns

.....The ending of a fierce positional struggle.

Position after 35... R×B.

BLACK (COLLE)



WHITE (TARTAKOVER)

GAME No. 5,362.

Played in a recent match at Göteborg (see p. 85). Notes by J. H. Blake.

Sicilian Defence.

WHITE	BLACK
R. SPIELMANN	A. NILSSON
1 P—K 4	1 P—Q B 4
2 Kt—K B 3	2 Kt—Q B 3
3 P—Q 4	3 P×P
4 Kt×P	4 Kt—B 3
5 Kt—Q B 3	5 P—Q 3
6 B—Q B 4	6 P—K Kt 3
7 Kt×Kt	7 Kt P×Kt
8 P—K 5	8 Kt—Kt 5
9 P×P	

Hitherto both players have followed the seventh match game, Schlechter *v.* Lasker, 1910. Schlechter continued 9 P—K 6, P—K B 4; 10 Castles.

	9 Q×P
10 Q—K 2	10 B—K Kt 2
11 Kt—K 4	11 Q—B 2
12 P—K R 3	12 Kt—K 4
13 B—Kt 3	13 P—Q R 4
14 P—K B 4	14 P—R 5

.....Very tempting in the prospect of his 17th move, but White is presently found to have seen further.

15 P×Kt	15 P×B
16 Kt—Q 6 ch	16 K—B 1

(See Diagram)

17 Kt×B!	17 R×P
18 Castles	

The surprise stroke!

18 Q×P

.....If 18.., R×R; 19 Q—B 4, P—K B 4 (or .., P—K 3; 20 Q—B 5 ch, K—K 1; 21 Kt—Q 6 ch, K—B 1; 22 Kt×P ch, and wins); 20 P×P *e.p.*, P×P; 21 Q—B 5 ch, K—B 2; 22 Kt—Q 6 ch, K—B 1; 23 R—K 1, with advantage. 18

Q×Kt was the alternative to the text-move, but then 19 Q—B 4 leaves Black with an embarrassed game.

19 Q×Q	19 B×Q
20 B—R 6 ch	20 K—K 1
21 Q R—K 1	21 P—B 3
22 Kt×P!	22 K—Q 2

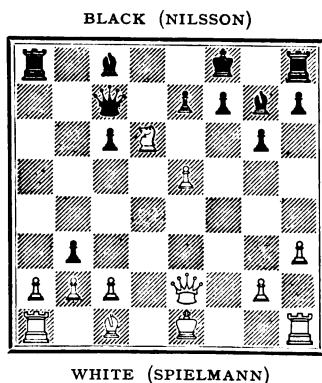
.....There is nothing better than taking the Knight; *e.g.*, 22.., K×Kt; 23 B—Kt 7, R—K 1; 24 B×P ch, K—Q 3; and he has drawing chances.

23 B—Kt 7	23 R—Q Kt 1
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.....23.., R—K 1 was called for as in the last note. Black apparently overrates the value of his advanced Pawn.

24 P—B 3!	24 R×P
25 B×P	25 B—Q 3
26 R—Q 1	26 K—B 2
27 K R—K 1	27 R—K B 1
28 R—K 6	28 B—B 4 ch
29 B—Q 4	29 B×B ch
30 R×B	30 P—B 4
31 R—B 6 ch	31 Resigns

Position after 16.., K—B 1.



GAME No. 5,363.

Played in the same match. Notes by J.H.B.

Reti's Opening.

WHITE	BLACK
A. NILSSON	R. SPIELMANN
1 Kt—K B 3	1 P—Q 4
2 P—Q Kt 3	2 B—B 4
3 B—Kt 2	3 P—K 3
4 P—Kt 3	4 Q Kt—Q 2
5 B—Kt 2	5 K Kt—B 3
6 P—Q 3	6 B—Q 3
7 Castles	7 P—K R 3
8 P—B 4	8 P—B 3
9 Q Kt—Q 2	9 P—K 4
10 P—K 4	

The players have arrived by transposition of moves at the position which occurred after nine moves in the game Reti v. Dr. Lasker at New York (Game No. 5,266, *B.C.M.*, August, 1924). Reti here continued 10 P×P, P×P; 11 R—B 1, and found shortly afterwards that his Queen's side was weak. The text-move is an improvement upon Réti's line.

	10 P×K P
11 P×P	11 B—R 2
12 Q—K 2	12 Castles

.....To get a Knight to Q 5 should now be one of Black's aims. Castling might well be postponed to 12..., Q—K 2; 13 Q R—Q 1, Kt—B 1, coming out at K 3 as soon as White moves his King's Knight.

13 Q R—Q 1	13 Q—K 2
14 Kt—R 4	14 B—R 6
15 B—R 1	15 K R—K 1
16 Kt—B 5	16 B×Kt

.....As this leaves his King's Pawn as a target it might seem better to tolerate this Knight at K B 5 for a while, and play 16..., Q—B 1; but after 17 B—R 3, Q R—Q 1; 18 Kt—B 3, followed by doubling the White Rooks on

the Queen's file, Black would be hard put to it to find good moves.

17 P×B	17 P—K 5
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.....Probably in the hope of provoking exchanges, thus :—18 Kt×P, Kt×Kt; 19 B×Kt, Q×B; 20 Q×Q, R×Q; 21 R×Kt, R—K 2; 22 K R—Q 1, Q R—K 1; and White's extra Pawn being doubled his prospect of winning would be remote. But White now sees his Queen's Bishop becoming valuable and prefers to attack.

18 P—K Kt 4!	18 B—Q 3
19 P—K R 4	19 Kt—Q 4
20 P—Kt 5!	20 Kt—B 5
21 Q×P	21 Q—Q 1

.....If 21..., P×P; 12 Q×Q, B×Q; 23 Kt—K 4! and still Black does not recover his Pawn.

22 Q—B 3	22 Kt—B 4
23 P—B 6	23 Kt (B 4)—Q 6
24 Kt—K 4	24 B—B 2
25 B P×P	

Position after 25 B P×P.



WHITE (NILSSON)

25 R×Kt

.....25.., B—K 4 is useless, as 26 B×B, R×B; 27 R×Kt, Kt×R; 28 R—Q 1 wins the other Knight.

26 Q×R 26 Q—Q 3
27 K R—K 1 27 Q—Q 2

.....28 Q—K 8 ch was threatened.

28 P×P 28 P—K B 4
29 R×Kt

The shortest cut to victory.

30 Q—K 6 ch 29 Kt×R
31 R×Q 30 Q×Q
 31 B—Kt 3

32 R—B 6 32 B×P ch
33 K—B 1! 33 B—B 4

.....Otherwise White plays
34 R—B 8 ch, R×R; 35 P—R 7 ch!

34 R×K B P 34 R—K 1
35 B—Q B 3 35 K—R 2
36 R—Kt 5 36 Resigns

.....Because if 36.., K—Kt 1; 37 P—R 7 ch, K×P; 38 P Queens ch, R×Q; 39 B—K 4 ch, winning the Rook. A very powerfully played game by the Swedish champion, and one illustrating the good points of the latest method of opening.

GAME No. 5,364.

Played in the recent all-Russian Tournament. Notes by J.H.B.

Ruy Lopez.

WHITE	BLACK
B. WERLINSKY	E. RABINOVITCH
1 P—K 4	1 P—K 4
2 Kt—K B 3	2 Kt—Q B 3
3 B—Kt 5	3 P—Q R 3
4 B—R 4	4 Kt—B 3
5 Castles	5 B—K 2
6 R—K 1	6 P—Q Kt 4
7 B—Kt 3	7 P—Q 3
8 P—B 3	8 Castles
9 P—Q 4	9 B—Kt 5
10 B—K 3	10 P×P
11 P×P	11 Kt—Q R 4
12 B—B 2	12 P—B 4

.....Compare Game No. 5,251, Yates v. Capablanca, where the latter played 12.., Kt—B 5; 13 Q Kt—Q 2, Kt×B; 14 R×Kt, P—B 4.

13 Kt—B 3 13 Kt—B 5
14 B—B 1 14 Kt—Q 2

.....Hoping to play 15.., P×P and 16.., B—B 3, but the

plan is not a good one; 14.., R—B 1 is better.

15 Kt—Q 5 15 B—R 5
16 P—Q Kt 3 16 Kt—Kt 3
17 Kt—K 3 17 B×Kt

.....If 17.., B—R 4; 18 P—K Kt 4, B—Kt 3; 19 Kt—B 5 with advantage.

18 P×B 18 P×P

.....18.., R—B 1 and 19.., B—B 3 was still a better course.

19 Kt—B 5 19 B—B 3
20 Kt×P at Q 4

Not 20 B—Kt 2 because of 20.., P—Q 6; 21 B×B, P×K B.

20 B×Kt ?
21 Q×B 21 Kt—K 4
22 B—Q 1

Not 22 K—Kt 2 because of 22.., Q—B 3, and White can then play neither 23 Q×Q Kt (because of .., Q×P ch and .., Q—B 6)

not 23 P—B 4 (because of ...
Kt—B 6).

Position after 35 R—B 5.

23 K—R 1	22 P—B 4
24 P×P	23 P×P
25 Q—K 3	24 Kt—B 3
26 B—Kt 2	25 P—Q 4
27 Q—Kt 3	26 P—Q 5
28 R—K Kt 1	27 Q—B 3
29 P—B 3	28 R—R 2
30 R—Q B 1	29 R—Q 2
31 B—R 3	30 Kt—K 4
	31 R—K 1

.....If 31... K R—B 2; 32
R—B 5, and Black cannot take
the King's Bishop's Pawn because
of 33 R—K B 5.

32 P—B 4!	32 Kt—Kt 3
33 B—K Kt 4	33 R—Kt 2
34 B—K B 5	

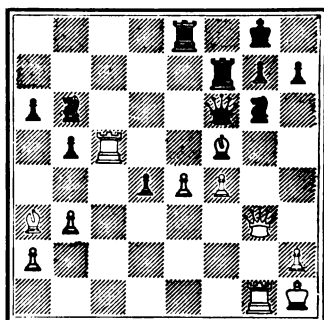
If 34 P—B 5, Kt—K 4; 35
B—R 5, Black plays 35... R—
Q B 1.

34 R—K B 2

.....34... Kt—R 5; 35
R—B 5, Kt×B; 36 R×Kt,
lets the White Queen's Rook into
a dangerous position for Black, it
is true; nevertheless delays are
dangerous, and he presently finds
himself driven into playing the
move in still more disadvantageous
conditions.

35 R—B 5

BLACK (RABINOVITCH)



WHITE (WERLINSKY)

35 Kt—R 5

.....Now if 35... Kt—K B 1;
36 K R—Q B 1!

36 B×P ch!	36 K×B
37 R—R 5 ch	37 K—Kt 1
38 R×Kt	38 R×P
39 Q—R 3	39 P—Kt 3
40 R—R 6	40 K—Kt 2

.....Not 40... R—K 3
because of 41 R (R 6)×P ch,
Q×R; 42 Q×R!

41 R (R 6)×P ch	41 Q×R
42 R×Q ch	42 K×R
43 Q—Kt 2 ch	43 K—B 4
44 Q—Kt 5 ch	44 K—K 3
45 Q—Kt 6 ch	45 Resigns

GAME NO. 5,365.

Played in a Tournament at Warsaw. Notes by J.H.B.

Caro-Kann.

WHITE	BLACK		
— CUKIERMAN	— LOWTZKI		
1 P—K 4	1 P—Q B 3	3 Kt—Q B 3	3 P×P
2 P—Q 4	2 P—Q 4	4 Kt×P	4 Kt—B 3
		5 Kt—Kt 3	5 P—K 4
		6 Q—K 2	

A novelty, but hardly a recommendable one.

7 Kt—B 3 6 Q×P
7 B—Kt 5 ch

.....It would be more in accordance with the spirit of this defence to play quietly 7..., Q—Q 4, 8 Kt×P, B—K 3, and Black develops easily.

8 P—B 3 8 B×P ch
9 P×B 9 Q×Q B P ch
10 Q—Q 2 10 Q×R
11 B—B 4 11 B—Kt 5

.....Deciding to let the Queen go for two Rooks, plus the Pawns captured. The weak point of the calculation is that the Queen is already in active play, whereas the two Rooks take some time to get into co-operation, before which they are not a match for the Queen. He could extricate the Queen by 11..., Q—Kt 8; 12 Castles, Q—Q Kt 3, but White then gets a strong attack for his lost Exchange.

12 Castles 12 B×Kt
13 B—Kt 2 13 Q×R ch
14 B×Q

Better than 14 K×Q because then 14..., B—Q 4 almost forces the exchange of one of his Bishops.

14 B—Kt 5

.....He should still however have gone to Q 4; then if 15 Q—Kt 4 the reply 15..., P—B 4, giving up one Pawn, enables him to develop easily.

15 Q—Kt 5 15 Q Kt—Q 2
16 P—B 4 16 B—K 3
17 P×P 17 Kt—Q 4
18 B—Q 3

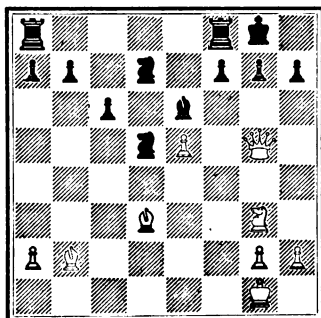
18 Kt—K 4 should come first, to forestall ..., P—K R 3; should Black Castle in reply there follows 19 Kt—B 6 ch, K—R 1; 20 Kt—R 5, with a strong attack.

18 Castles

.....For now, by 18..., P—K R 3 Black would be able in a move or two to Castle on the Queen's side with safety. The text-move is a blunder outright.

Position after 18..., Castles.

BLACK (LOWTZKI)



WHITE (CUKIERMAN)

19 Kt—K 4

Both players overlooked that White has here mate in three by 19 Kt—R 5, P—K Kt 3; 20 Q—R 6, etc.

19 P—K B 4

.....Now 19..., K—R 1 would make him safe once more.

20 P×P *e.p.* 20 Q Kt×P

.....The other Knight should take; he loses immediately by the text-move.

21 B—B 4! 21 P—K R 3
22 Q—Kt 6 22 Kt—B 5

.....Desperation! If now 23 B×B ch, K—R 1; 24 Q—B 5, Kt—K 7 ch wins.

23 Kt×Kt ch 23 R×Kt
24 B×B ch 24 Resigns

.....For if 24..., K—R 1; 25 Q—Kt 4 wins. The game is more lively than correct, but has been chosen to illustrate the opening novelty.

GAME No. 5,366.

Played in the current Championship Tournament of the Los Angeles Chess Club. Notes by J.H.B.

Queen's Pawn Opening.

- | WHITE | BLACK |
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| A. H. BIERWITH | H. BOROCHOW |
| 1 P—Q 4 | 1 Kt—K B 3 |
| 2 B—B 4 | 2 P—Q 3 |
| 3 P—K 3 | 3 Q Kt—Q 2 |
| 4 Kt—K B 3 | 4 P—K Kt 3 |
| 5 B—Q 3 | 5 B—Kt 2 |
| 6 P—K R 3 | |

To preserve the Bishop against
.., Kt—R 4.

6 Castles

- 7 P—K Kt 4

Certainly premature at this stage. White's game now presents two salient weaknesses, viz.: the undefended Queen's Knight's Pawn on the Black Bishop's diagonal, and the fact that he cannot conveniently Castle for some moves yet. Black evolves a neat scheme to hit both, and wins a valuable Pawn.

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| 8 P—K 4 | 7 R—K 1 |
| 9 P×P | 8 P—K 4 |
| 10 Kt×Kt | 9 Q Kt×P |

10 Kt—B 3 was a less objectionable alternative.

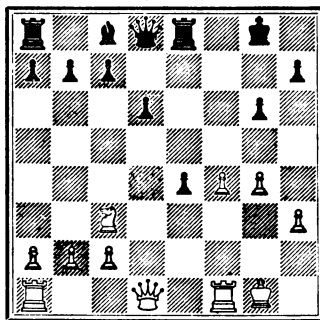
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| 11 B×Kt | 10 Kt×K P ! |
| 12 B×B | 11 B×Kt |
| 13 Kt—B 3 | 12 R×B |
| 14 P—B 4 | 13 P—K B 4 |

This too is premature, and deprives him of the chance of snatching an advantage from the risk Black is running from an open King's Knight's file. He should play 14 P×P, P×P (... B×P, 15 P—K B 3); 15 K R—Kt 1 ch, K—R 1; 16 Q—R 5, with a fair prospect of recovering his Pawn; Black could not at once play 16.., P×B because of 17 Q—B 7.

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| 15 Castles ? | 14 R—K 1 |
| | 15 P×B |

Position after 15.., P×B.

BLACK (BOROCHOW)



WHITE (BIERWITH)

- 16 Kt×P

Yielding to the temptation to set a trap, into which Black has seen further, as he soon proves. If, however, 16 Q—Q 4, Q—R 5; 17 Q—K 3, P—B 3, and Black easily maintains his Pawn.

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| 17 Q—Q 5 ch | 16 R×Kt ! |
| 18 P—B 5 | 17 R—K 3 |
| 19 P×P | 18 P×P |
| 20 K—R 1 | 19 Q—Kt 4 ch |
| 21 R—K Kt 1 | 20 K—R 1 |
| 22 Q—Kt 2 | 21 Q—R 4 |
| 23 P×R | 22 R—Kt 3 |
| 24 Resigns | 23 B×P |

For if 24 Q—Kt 5, then B—Kt 7 ch wins the White Queen. The only course is 24 P—Kt 7 ch, K—Kt 1; 25 Q—Kt 3; but then 25.., B—B 8 ch; 26 Q—R 2, Q—B 6 ch; 27 R—Kt 2, and Black recovers the Exchange, remaining two Pawns up in a Rook and Pawns ending.

GAME No. 5,367.

Played in the special opening tournament at the Marshall Chess Club.

King's Bishop's Opening.

WHITE		BLACK	
F. J. MARSHALL	C. TORRE	F. J. MARSHALL	C. TORRE
1 P—K 4	P—K 4	18 P—Kt 3	Kt×B
2 B—B 4	Kt—K B 3	19 P×Kt	Q R—B 1
3 P—Q 4	P×P	20 R—Q B 1	R—B 4
4 Kt—K B 3	Kt×P	21 Kt—Q 4	K R—B 1
5 Q×P	Kt—K B 3	22 P—K B 4	B—Kt 5
6 Kt—B 3	Kt—B 3	23 P—B 4	P—B 3
7 Q—R 4	B—Kt 5	24 R—K 7	P×P
8 Castles	B×Kt	25 P×P	R×P
9 P×B	Castles	26 R×R	R×R
10 B—Q 3	Kt—K 2	27 Kt—Kt 3	R—B 7
11 B—K Kt 5	Kt—Kt 3	28 P—K R 4	R×P
12 Q—Kt 3	P—Q 4	29 R×P	P—Q R 4
13 R—K 1	P—K R 3	30 Kt—Q 4	P—R 5
14 B×K Kt	Q×B	31 P—B 5	R—Q 7
15 Q×P	Kt—B 5	32 Kt—K 6	B×P
16 Q—K 5	Q×Q	33 Kt×P	R—Q 2
17 R×Q	B—K 3	34 R—Kt 5	B—Q 6
		Resigns	

GAME No. 5,368.

Played in the same tournament.

King's Bishop's Opening.

WHITE		BLACK	
C. TORRE	F. J. MARSHALL	C. TORRE	F. J. MARSHALL
1 P—K 4	P—K 4	17 Q R—Q 1	R×R
2 B—B 4	Kt—K B 3	18 R×R	P—K 4
3 P—Q 4	P×P	19 B—Kt 3	R—K 3
4 K Kt—B 3	Kt—B 3	20 K—B 1	Kt—K 5
5 Kt—Kt 5	Kt—K 4	21 R—Q 5	Kt×B ch
6 Q×P	Kt×B	22 R P×Kt	R—Q R 3
7 Q×Q Kt	P—Q 4	23 R×P	R×P
8 P×P	Q×P	24 R—K 7	R×P
9 Q—K 2 ch	B—K 3	25 R×P	P—Q R 4
10 Castles	Castles	26 R×P	P—Kt 4
11 Q Kt—B 3	Q—B 5	27 R—R 5	R—Kt 7
12 Kt×B	Q×Kt	28 K—K 1	P—R 5
13 Q×Q	P×Q	29 K—Q 1	R×P
14 R—K 1	B—Kt 5	30 R×P	P—R 6
15 B—B 4	B×Kt	31 K—B 1	R—B 8 ch
16 P×B	K R—K 1	Resigns	

GAME No. 5,369.

Played in the same tournament.

King's Bishop's Opening.

WHITE		BLACK	
F. J. MARSHALL	R. SMIRKA	F. J. MARSHALL	R. SMIRKA
1 P—K 4	P—K 4	14 B—Kt 5	Kt×B
2 B—B 4	Kt—K B 3	15 P×Kt	P×P
3 P—Q 4	P×P	16 Kt—Q 5	B×Kt
4 Kt—K B 3	Kt—B 3	17 Q×B	Q R—K 1
5 B—K Kt 5	P—K R 3	18 P×P	P—R 3
6 B—R 4	P—K Kt 4	19 B—R 4	P—Kt 4
7 B—K Kt 3	P—Q 3	20 P—K 5 !	P×B
8 Castles	B—Kt 5	21 R×Kt	K—Kt 1
9 P—B 3	P×P	22 Kt×P	P—Q 4
10 Q Kt×P	B—Kt 2	23 Q—B 3	B—B 1
11 P—K R 4	Q—Q 2	24 Kt×R	Q×Kt
12 R—K 1	Castles Q R	25 R—Kt 6 ch	Resigns
13 R—Q B 1	Kt—K R 4		

GAME No. 5,370.

Played in the same tournament.

King's Bishop's Opening.

WHITE		BLACK	
F. J. MARSHALL	B. FORSBERG	F. J. MARSHALL	B. FORSBERG
1 P—K 4	P—K 4	10 K—B 1	R—K 1
2 B—B 4	Kt—K B 3	11 P×P ch	K×P
3 P—Q 4	P—B 3	12 Q—Kt 4 ch	K—R 1
4 P×P	Q—R 4 ch	13 B—Kt 5	B—K 2
5 Kt—B 3	Kt×P	14 K Kt—B 3	Q—Kt 4 ch
6 B×P ch	K×B	15 K—Kt 1	P—Q 4
7 Q—B 3 ch	Kt—B 3	16 Q—R 5	B—Q 2
8 P×Kt	Q—K 4 ch	17 Kt—B 6	Resigns
9 Kt—K 4	B—Kt 5 ch		

GAME No. 5,371.

A bright little game from First Class Reserves, Section II, at Hastings.

WHITE		BLACK	
DR. E. H. SMITH	W. G. WATSON	DR. E. H. SMITH	W. G. WATSON
1 P—K 4	P—K 4	10 P×Kt	B×B
2 P—Q 4	P×P	11 P×Kt	B—R 4
3 P—B 3	P×P	12 Q—Q 5	Q P×P
4 B—B 4	Kt—Q B 3	13 Q×B	Castles
5 Kt—K B 3	Q—B 3	14 Q×B P	Q×Kt P
6 Kt×P	B—Kt 5	15 Kt—K 5	B—K 3
7 B—Q 2	Kt—K 2	16 Q R—Kt 1	Q—Q 5
8 Castles	P—Q R 3	17 B×B	P×B
9 Kt—Q 5	Kt×Kt	18 R×P	Resigns

PROBLEM WORLD.

By B. G. LAWS AND G. W. CHANDLER.

All communications respecting problems must be addressed to
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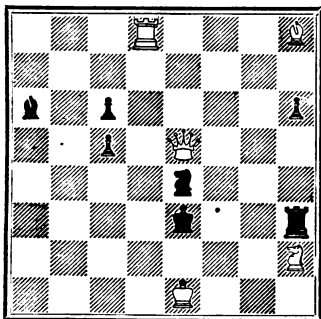
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SOLVING TOURNEY.

The authors' names will be published with the solutions.

No. 5.

BLACK (7) : Ke3 ; Rh3 ; Ba6 ;
Kt e4 ; P c5, c6, h6.

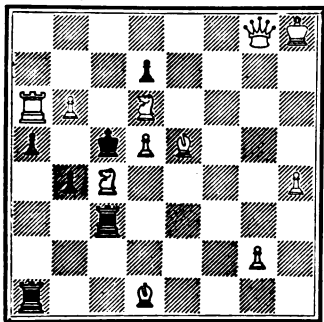


WHITE (5) : Ke1 ; Qe5 ; Rd8 ;
B h8 ; Kt h2.

White mates in three moves.

No. 7.

BLACK (6) : K c5 ; R a1, c3 ;
P a5, b4, d7.

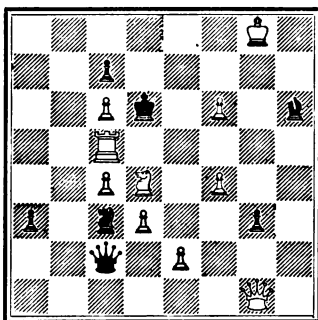


WHITE (11) : Kh8 ; Qg8 ; Ra6 ; Bd1,
e5 ; Kt c4, d6 ; P b6, d5, g2, h4.

White mates in four moves.

No. 6.

BLACK (7) : Kd6 ; Qc2 ; Bh6 ;
Kt c3 ; P a3, c7, g3.

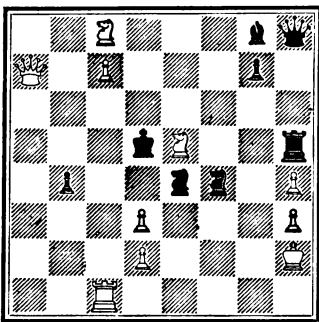


WHITE (10) : Kg8 ; Qg1 ; Rc5 ;
Kt d4 ; P c4, c6, d3, e2, f4, f6.

White mates in three moves.

No. 8.

BLACK (8) : Kd5 ; Qh8 ; Rh5 ;
Kt e4, f4 ; Bg8 ; P b4, g7.



WHITE (10) : Kh2 ; Qa7 ; Rc1 ;
Kt c8, e5 ; P c7, d2, d3, h3, h4.

White mates in four moves.

According to programme Mr. B. G. Laws gave his paper, "Chess Problem Solos" at the monthly meeting of the Society on the 20th ult. As was explained last month the subject dealt with was an exhibition of problems in which the piece making the key-move does all the work of attack. About three dozen positions were shown where the King, Queen, Rook, Bishop, Knight and Pawn respectively "take the floor." Those which were enjoyed most were the long ones as in these cases the feature of the "solo" was more clear and in some cases remarkable.

The next lecture is due on Friday, 20th March, by Mr. H. D'O. Bernard. The subject is not decided upon, but it can be relied upon Mr. Bernard will give something of an instructive and entertaining nature. It is to be hoped that members will take advantage of bringing their friends to this meeting at St. Bride's Institute, St. Bride's Lane, Fleet Street, E.C., at 6-30 p.m.

Mr. T. R. Dawson informs us that the title of the lecture which he proposes to give on 7th April is "Ideas."

The following have been recently elected Members of the Society: Rev. N. Bonavia-Hunt, Mr. L. W. Cafferata, Mr. W. E. Caine, Mr. F. C. Dixon, Mr. S. W. Spink and Mr. A. C. Vaughan.

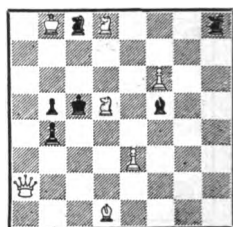
OBITUARY.

Regret is we know widespread at the sudden death of Mr. Antony Guest, on 29th January last, at the age of 69. It is common knowledge that he was the Editor of the chess column of the *Morning Post* since 1883, but not many are aware of the influence he had in connection with Chess problems, and it will never be known the number of successful composers who have benefited by his happy way of directing them through the problem maze. His weekly comments and kindly criticisms of the problems he gave in the *Morning Post* showed he had a clear insight of what should be expected from a composer and he was always encouraging to those who were starting a career in composition. We have had the pleasure of being personally acquainted with him since about 1880 and the many pleasant meetings linger in our memory. Elsewhere in our pages reference will be made regarding his prowess as a player and his other accomplishments.

It is not perhaps known to the present generation that he composed. We can recall only a few of his efforts. The annexed is quite a nice three-mover which we reproduce in memoriam.

It may be remembered by many, the keen enthusiasm he evinced on the occasion, some few years ago, when he took a most active part on the Committee in carrying out the scheme for the presentation album to Mr. Alain C. White. His artistic taste and literary ability contributed largely in making the project a success.

By A. GUEST.
BLACK (6 pieces)

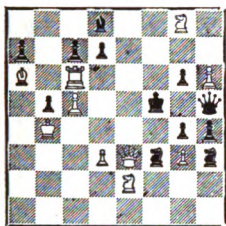


WHITE (7 pieces)
Mate in three.

The two problems below have been sent to us by their author. The first was published in the *Staffordshire Advertiser* last month. He terms the idea (as manifested in the stipulations) as "The Super Two-mover," and believes he has struck something quite original. If we remember rightly this little fancy was exploited some years ago, particularly by the American composers, and was called "Continuation Problems." Mr. Guest's problems are certainly good and interesting.

By F. H. GUEST (Stafford).

BLACK (12 pieces)

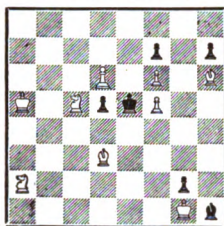


WHITE (10 pieces)

Mate in two.

After Key-move, start again and then Mate in two.

BLACK (6 pieces)



WHITE (9 pieces)

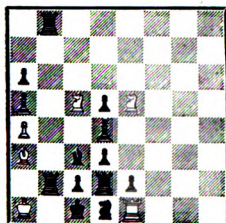
Mate in two.

After Key-move, start again, and then Mate in two.

We present the following two problems for the benefit of our fire-eating solvers. They are for their class fine compositions and will well repay the mixed pleasure and trouble of discovering their solutions. The first was received by us, handsomely printed, as a Christmas Greetings Card, the other was dedicated by the author to the members of the Geneva Chess Club, and published in the *Schweizerische Schachzeitung*, January last.

By DR. OTTO T. BLÁTHY
(Budapest).

BLACK (13 pieces)

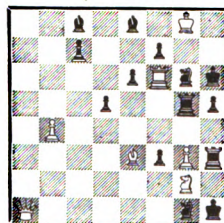


WHITE (6 pieces)

Mate in eight.

By D. PRZEPIORKA
(Varsovia).

BLACK (14 pieces)



WHITE (7 pieces)

Mate in six.

It will be observed that in each of these positions Black has a piece more than is usually tolerated, but as they are given as special problems, composed for special occasions, the excess of Black material will be overlooked. We shall be pleased to present as a slight token

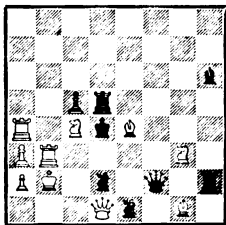
of success in solving these clever problems a problem book to the Solver who sends to us the first correct solutions. Of course we do not expect any one to forward answers who happens to have seen the positions before their appearance here.

WESTPHALIAN CHESS ASSOCIATION "FRÄNKISCHEN VOLKSBLATTES" PROBLEM TOURNEY. THREE-MOVE TOURNEY.

First Prize.

By Dr. A. KRAEMER.

BLACK (8 pieces)



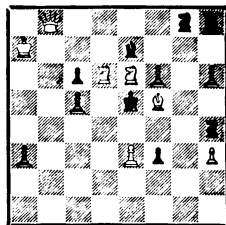
WHITE (10 pieces)

Mate in two.

First Prize.

By M. SCHNEIDER

BLACK (11 pieces)



WHITE (7 pieces)

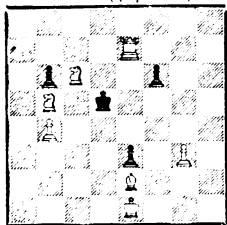
Mate in three.

"NARODNI POLITIKY" INTERNATIONAL TOURNEY. Dr. E. Palkoska's award is as follows:—

First Prize.

By JOSEF BALIK
(Pisek).

BLACK (4 pieces)



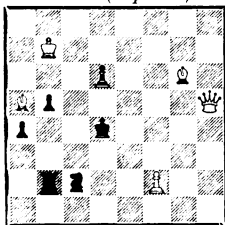
WHITE (7 pieces)

Mate in three.

Second Prize.

By K. THRAXLER
(Dub).

BLACK (6 pieces)



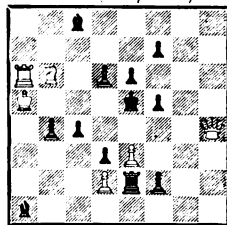
WHITE (5 pieces)

Mate in three.

Third Prize.

By J. VASTA
(Pečky).

BLACK (12 pieces)



WHITE (6 pieces)

Mate in three.

Hon. Mentions: A. Kubbel, F. Simhovici and K. A. L. Kubbel. Dr. Palkoska is usually very keen on anticipations, but we rather fancy he has overlooked the great resemblance of Simhovici's problem to a somewhat recent three-mover to which we may make reference next month.

The Weekly Westminster. Mr. A. C. White has made his award in the 1924 tourneys for three and four-movers. We have not space in this issue to produce the prize problems and must defer doing so till April. The following are the successful competitors—Three-movers. First prize: M. Niemeyer and H. Weenink (joint). Second: Dr. E. Palkoska. First hon. mention: J. de C. Andrade. Four-movers. First prize: P. F. Blake. Second: G. F. Anderson. Special prize for originality: K. S. Howard.

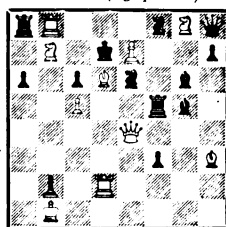
M. K. de Watteville writes us that A. Mari's two-mover we printed at page 476 of our last volume was incorrect. As we gave it, and it corresponds exactly with the position supplied to us, there are two solutions.

This is naturally unfair to the composer and we have pleasure in repeating the problem in its correct form. The curious part is that the author's idea and working is unchanged, the only difference being that in substituting the Black Knight for the Black Pawn at K 3, the problem is freed from the Cook.

By A. MARI.

Corrected

BLACK (13 pieces)

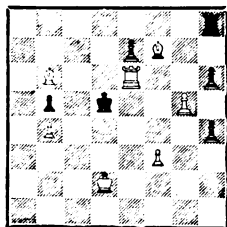


WHITE (10 pieces)

Mate in two

By H. WEENINK
(Amsterdam).

BLACK (6 pieces)



WHITE (7 pieces)

Mate in three.

The *Wiener Schachzeitung* have announced an international three-move tourney, prescribing a theme which is that two of the mates are given by double check, the Black King being on a White square in one case and a Black square in the other. Several illustrations are given as a guide, and we quote the simplest of them. Queen, Rooks, Bishops, and Knights can be used, both lateral and diagonal mates being brought about. Entries should be addressed to Herr Otto Ackermann, Breslau 5, Augustastraße 17/III. We have no particulars as to prizes or adjudication.

A NEW TYPE OF CHESS PROBLEM.

THE MULTIPLE PROBLEM.

The novel suggestion contained in the following communication which we have received from an anonymous correspondent who adopts the *nom de plume* of "Multiple," strikes us as being likely to interest many who take pleasure in varieties which are not in accord with accepted doctrines. Such innovations, of which this is one, are generally grouped into a section termed by that enthusiast, M. T. R. Dawson, of the *Chess Amateur*, "Fairly Chess," which covers almost everything that can be manipulated with the chessmen, not strictly regular. "Multiple" has not supplied the solutions to his two examples but we have seen to it that each can be solved in accordance with the stipulations. We will await the comments of readers before giving any further propositions of this particular character.

In view of the Solomonian pronouncement that there is nothing new under the sun, it is with considerable temerity that I have written the above heading, but being of opinion that any matter which promises to open up a new field of operations for problemists is likely to be of interest, as well as feeling assured that it will receive sympathetic consideration and expert criticism from yourself, I am forwarding you the result of the few leisure moments which I have

been able to devote to the devising of a new type of chess problem this winter.

The ordinary chess problem presents a definite position of Black and White pieces arranged by the composer so that mate can be administered in a stated number of moves. The multiple problem to a large extent reverses these conditions. The Black King may be placed on several prescribed squares, and the problem consists in ascertaining the position of given White pieces so that mate can be administered in the same fixed number of moves for each position of the Black King.

The two following examples of multiple problems will make the matter clearer :—

Example I. A Five-Multiple Two-Mover.

Black King on a6, a7, a8, b8 or c8.

White : King, Rook.

Determine the position of the two White pieces so that, with White to move, the Black King can be mated in *two* moves no matter on which of the above *five* squares he is placed.

Example II. A Three-Multiple Two-Mover.

Black King on d5, d4 or e4.

White : King, Queen, Knight, Pawn.

Determine the position of the four White pieces so that, with White to move, the Black King can be mated in *two* moves no matter on which of the above *three* squares he is placed.

A "pure" multiple problem must fulfil the following conditions :—

(a) There must be *one* and only one position of the White Pieces which will satisfy the problem.

(b) It must not be possible to effect mate in *less* than the prescribed number of moves for any of the given positions of the Black King.

ETHICS OF PROBLEM TOURNEYS-

As Mr. Bonavia-Hunt points out in his letter below, some words of his previous communication were accidentally omitted, and to put the matter right we think this explanation should be given :—

TO THE PROBLEM EDITOR OF THE *B.C.M.*

SIR,—My best thanks are due to you for so kindly publishing my suggested method of conducting problem tournaments in regular chess columns where the editor wishes to give the entries before adjudication. Unfortunately your printer has omitted a portion of the first sentence of the paragraph quoted from my statement and made my meaning somewhat obscure. My contention is simply this : *if* the judge feels that he cannot act impartially unless the names of the competitors are withheld, *there is not the least necessity for him to see the names*. From the judge's point of view, conductors of tournaments should give full consideration to the following conditions : (1) the judge wants plenty of time to get out the award, (2) he does not want to see the authors' names, and (3) he does not want to be bothered with the responsibility of finding cooks or other disqualifying features. The composer, on his side, asks for *one* thing only and that is, publication of his problem under his name. Surely there must be a method by which justice is done to both sides. The only difficulty occurs when the entries are published *before* the award. I suggest that such entries be published under the authors' names in any case, and that numbered diagrams be submitted to the judge who can be getting out his list meanwhile, and who can finally revise that list after all entries have been published and tested by solvers. Can anything be simpler ? On the other hand, those columns that publish entries anonymously will have to face the danger of a boycott from composers in the near future, unless I am very grievously mistaken.

NOEL BONAVIA-HUNT.

HAMPSTEAD,

January 9th, 1925.

SOLVERS' SCORE—"LADDER" COMPETITION.

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G. Fegent is the successful solver up to the January problems with his score of 805.

SOLUTIONS.

By A. Simay-Molnar (p. 44).—1 Kt—B 4. The key is a capital start of but the mates are few. Both the set mates are changed and in addition two more are brought about, but these are somewhat heavy, being close-quarter mates by Queen.

By O. Nagy (p. 44).—1 P—Q 7. An ingenious threat two-mover. It is a little disappointing there is a dual after 1.., Q—K 5, but the mate after 1.., Kt—B 6 is nice.

By O. Nagy (p. 44).—1 B×Q P. Although 1.., P—Q B 3 should give a clue, this problem may well keep a solver at bay for a while, chiefly by reason of a reluctance to making a first-move capture. There are at least three bright variations.

By S. Hertmann (p. 44).—1 Q—B 5. The chief point here is the yielding up of the surface mate of 2 R×B after 1.., P—B 5 dis ch. Beyond this there is not much to enjoy, though there is also the cover to 1.., R×P ch.

By J. Rietveld (p. 45).—1 Kt—B 5, P—B 7; 2 Q—B 4. If 1.., P—Q 4; 2 Q—R 8 ch. If 1.., B—Kt 2; 2 Kt—K 7. If 1.., K—K 5; 2 Q—B 4 ch. If 1.., others; 2 B—B 3 ch, etc. Although the opening move is of the give-and-take order this is an excellent three-mover. The mates by Queen at K 2 and K 8 are most artistic and cleverly woven with that when Knight mates at Q B 6.

By C. van Rede (p. 45).—1 Q—Kt 3, P—B 5; 2 Kt—Q 4. If 1.., P—Q 5; 2 Q—Q 3. If 1.., Kt—B 5 or Q 6; 2 Q×Kt. If 1.., Kt else; 2 Q—K 3 ch. Beyond being difficult this seems to have little claim for appreciation. There is more than a suspicion of strategy, but it has been secured at heavy cost and a cumbrous setting. C. H. Brockelbank has, however, demolished this problem by 1 Q—R 7 followed after 1.., Kt—Q or B 2 by 2 Q—R 4!

By L. A. Kuyers (p. 45).—1 P—B 7, R×P ch; 2 Kt×R ch. If 1..., B×R or R—B 5; 2 Q—K 6 ch. If 1..., Kt—B 7; 2 P Queens. If 1..., R×Kt P; 2 R—Q 4 ch. If 1..., others; 2 Kt—Kt 4 ch. Seeing that 2 Kt—Kt 4 ch would do so much, the key forces itself upon one. After it is essayed, the rest is soon found to fit in with the 1..., R×P ch defence. The reply to 1..., Kt—B 7 may give some little trouble on account of the matter of fact answer. C. H. Brockelbank sends in a cook by 1 R×P ch.

By L. A. Kuyers (p. 45).—1 R—K R 6, K—Q 5; 2 Q×B P ch. If 1..., K—B 5; 2 Q—K 6. If 1..., P—Kt 6; 2 R—R 4 ch. If 1..., others; 2 Q—Q 7. The sacrifice of the Queen almost stares one in the face as it is clear the Black King must not be allowed to get to Q B 6. The key, however, is first rate, and the play after 1..., P—Kt 6 clever, even that after 1..., B×R has merit.

By A. Vereen (p. 45).—1 Q—Kt 6, K—B 5; 2 P—B 5. If 1..., K—Q 5; 2 Q—B 5. If 1..., K—Q 3; 2 Q×P ch. If 1..., K—K 3; 2 B—B 5. If 1..., P—B 4; 2 B—B 2. Remarkable for the number of continuations in so frail a setting. There is not much in this problem, but the solver has to be careful in some places.

By P. J. G. Stuiwer (p. 45).—1 B—K 4, P—R 3; 2 B—B 2. If 1..., K—Kt 5; 2 B—Q 3 dis ch. If 1..., K—Q or B 5; 2 B—Q 5 dis ch. An ingenious little affair, but one hardly expects nowadays such an effort to be placed in the prize-list of a good tourney.

By H. Weenink (p. 45).—1 R—K Kt 6. A neat arrangement bringing into relief the somewhat uncommon effect of the defences of the Black Pawn. The idea was curiously illustrated in a two-mover by Dr. Bonner Feast which he contributed to the *Tidscrift* Tourney of the previous year, *vide* No. 12B in "Simple Two-move Themes." In the latter problem it will be noticed the key is thematic, which is not quite the case in Weenink's.

By A. Ellerman (p. 45).—1 B—Kt 6. Black's self interferences combined with the half-pin incident is ingenious. It is a pity the advanced King's Rook's Pawn is necessary. Some composers would probably prefer using a Black Pawn for the White one at K B 7 (the key then being 1 B—R 7), disregarding the dual and giving up the mate of recapture after 1..., R×P.

By P. J. G. Stuiwer (p. 45).—1 P—B 5. The Rook at K 1 is a tell-tale, and soon suggests a mate by the King's Pawn with the aid of its support, and thus makes easier the granting of a "flight" to the Black King. The two mates with the Knights and that with the Pawn practically sum up the features of this two-mover.

By K. A. K. Larsen (p. 99).—1 R—K 5, B—B 6; 2 Kt—K 7. If 1..., B—K 7; 2 Kt—R 8. If 1..., B—Kt 6 or R—B 7; 2 B×R ch. If 1..., others; 2 R—B 4. Puzzling to solve as the quiet second moves are none too obvious. The play of the Black Bishop to stay the one Knight mating unpins the other in an ingenious fashion.

By F. Simhovici (p. 99).—1 B—Kt 5, B×B; 2 Q—R 4! If 1..., R×B; 2 Q—R 7. If 1..., Kt—Kt 7 or B 7; 2 Kt—Kt 3 ch. If 1..., others; 2 P—K 3 ch. The main-play is particularly strategic and one cannot be exacting that it does not finish up with a model Mate. There, however, is one after 1..., Kt—Kt or B 7.

By K. A. L. Kubbel (p. 99).—1 Q—R 4, R×Q; 2 Kt—B 5. If 1..., Kt×Q; 2 Kt—Q 7 ch. If 1..., K—K 4; 2 Kt—B 7 ch. If 1..., R×P; 2 Q—R 1 ch. If 1..., Q—B 6 or others; 2 Q×P ch. A bright sacrificial combination, the Queen being offered four times.

By H. Rohr (p. 100).—1 Q—R 4 threatening 2 R—Q Kt 4, any; 3 R×P ch. If 1..., Kt—Kt 5; 2 R×Kt, any; 3 R or Q—K 4 ch. This Self-mate should not really offer much resistance to the solver, seeing the Queen commands Q 1 and moreover is liable to capture after which White has no resource. The idea is not brilliant but is an unusual one, the Queen clearing the way for the Rook, the reverse to ordinary procedure.

By H. Rohr (p. 100).—1 K—Q 3, R×R; 2 K—K 3 dis ch, R—B 5; 3 K—B 3. If 1..., R×R ch; 2 K—K 4 dis ch, R—Q 6; 3 K—B 4. A bright

Self-Mate in which the White King makes all the moves. It is certainly easy to solve as Black's threatened 1... R×R ch points to averting this nasty and disturbing shock.

By W. von Pittler (p. 100).—1 Kt—Q 7, B×Kt; 2 R—R 5 ch, B—Kt 4; 2 K—Q 1. If 1... B—Kt 2 or R 3; 2 R×B. Artful. A Mutate in a Self-Mate. If White could make a pure waiting move then he could force the mate in two moves.

By Rev. J. J. Jespersen (p. 100).—1 P—B 3, any; 2 Q—Q 1.

By S. Loyd (p. 100).—1 Q—R 1.

By P. H. Williams (T. Schönberger?) (p. 100).—1 Kt—R 4, K×Kt (R 4); 2 Kt—B 2. If 1... K×Kt (R 3); 2 Q—Q Kt 5. If 1... P—Kt 4; 2 Kt—B 2 ch.

By K. A. K. Larsen (p. 101).—1 Kt—Q 4. The quadruple shutting off of White's Queen and Queen's Rook by Kt—Kt 5, B—Q 3, Q—Kt 5 and Kt—Q 3 is adroitly contrived and the Mates are consequently interesting notwithstanding from an economical point of view it has little to its credit, but this of course is not claimed.

By J. J. Reitveld (p. 101).—1 Kt—R 7. The mates after 1... Kt—K 4, Q 1, Q—Q 5, B—Q 4 and B—K 7 are very ingeniously brought about, and the key is good.

By J. Hartong (p. 101).—1 Q—K B 7. Here the principal defences to the threat create some unexpected Mates, particularly 1... Kt—B 3.

By J. J. Reitveld (p. 101).—1 Kt—B 7, Kt—B 3; 2 Q—R 8. If 1... P—K 3; 2 Q—R 3. If 1... P—Q 3; 2 Q—K 1. If 1... P—Q 4 or Kt (R 7) moves; 2 Kt—K 3 ch. If 1... others; 2 P—Kt 3. The four quiet second moves (which include the threat) mark the merit of this three-mover. It is curious to note that Black in the first instance shuts off White power and at the same time curtails his own as shown by 1... P—K 3; P—Q 3 and Kt—B 3. Then again there is in the checking second move a point after 1... P—Q 4 and Kt—Kt 5.

By K. A. L. Kubbel (p. 101).—1 Q—Q 8, B×B or K—B 3; 2 Kt—B 8. If 1... Kt×P; 2 Q—R 8 ch. If 1... Kt other; 2 Q×Q P ch. If 1... B×P; 2 Kt×B ch. If 1... others; 2 K—Kt 7. It is rather a pity the key is a give and take one. We have four models here which are introduced with some show of strategy, a feature generally found in this composer's work.

By J. E. Cauveren (p. 101).—This has two solutions. The author's is: 1 B—K 6, P or R×B; 2 R—Q 8 ch. If 1... K—K 4; 2 Kt (K 3)—B 5 dis ch. If 1... Q×Kt; 2 Kt (R 6)—B 5 ch, etc. The cook: 1 R—K 8 ch, K—K moves; 2 Kt—B 5 dis ch.

By C. Mansfield (p. 103).—1 B—Q 7.

By K. S. Howard (p. 103).—1 Q—B 6, P×Kt; 2 Q×K P. If 1... P—Q 5; 2 Kt—Kt 5 ch. If 1... P—Kt 6; 2 Q—Q 7 ch. If 1... others; 2 Q—B 3 ch. In printing this position no suggestion is intended that Mr. Gibbins's four-mover was built upon it. We quoted it as an interesting case in connection with construction.

No. 2,499, by A. Mari.—1 K—B 8. The changed cross-check is a piquant idea, introduced by an excellent key. Variety is scant but very pointed.

No. 2,500, by K. S. Howard.—1 Kt—B 4. If 1... K×Kt; 2 (threat) R—Q 6. If 1... K×R; 2 Q—B 4. If 1... P K 6; 2 Q—R 1 ch. There is not much depth, but the combination of three somewhat diverse lines of play, terminating in totally different models, is worthy of note. Both key and second moves are good.

No. 2,501, by L. A. Issaëff.—1 R—R 5! threatening 2 Q—B 2 ch. If 1... K—B 4; 2 Q—R 7 ch. If 1... P—B 4; 2 R—R 4 ch. If 1... Kt—B 7; 2 Kt—Kt 3 ch. A very good key, for at first sight 1 Kt—K 3 looks much stronger. The position is artistically set, and the pin-models are very pleasing.

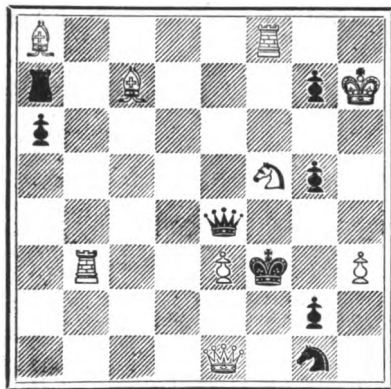
No. 2,502, by G. F. Anderson.—1 Q—Q 4. If 1... B×P ch; 2 K—Kt 4, K×Kt; 3 Kt—B 3 ch. If 1... B×R; 2 Kt—B 6 ch, K×P; 3 Q—Kt 6 ch. There are only two lines; but both are pretty and ingenious, as the mates leave nothing to be desired.

ORIGINAL PROBLEMS

No. 2,507.

By C. MANSFIELD
(Bristol).

BLACK (8 pieces)



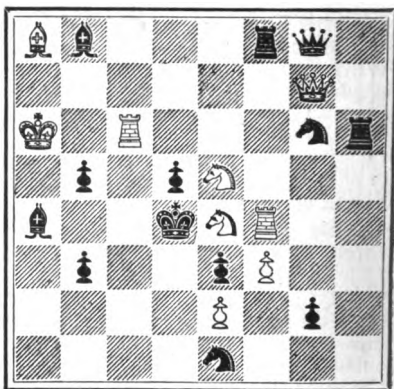
WHITE (9 pieces)

White mates in two moves.

No. 2,508.

By Rev. N. BONAVIA-HUNT
(London).

BLACK (13 pieces)



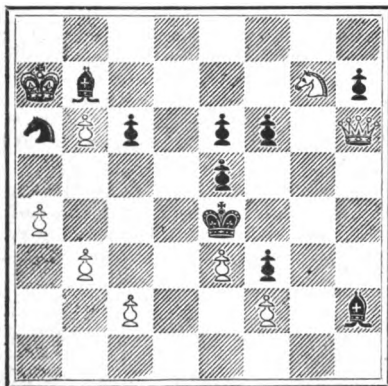
WHITE (9 pieces)

White mates in two moves.

No. 2,509.

By J. CAUVEREN
(Doetinchem, Holland).

BLACK (10 pieces)



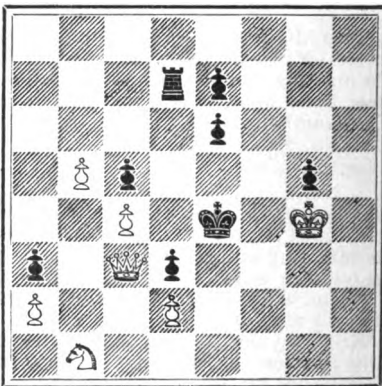
WHITE (9 pieces)

White mates in three moves.

No. 2,510.

By K. SYPNIEWSKI
(Warsaw).

BLACK (8 pieces)



WHITE (7 pieces)

White mates in four moves.

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CHESS NOTES AND PROBLEMS

(Continued from page 112).

Readers were given a more difficult task than I meant as to solving Acrostic No. 2, by asking for solutions on the *Nones* of March, which, relying on memory, I had calculated as eight days *after* the Ides, whereas they are eight days before (called nine days, because both are included) and in consequence I only got two on the correct date, one, very nearly correct, did not comply with the conditions, being sent on a post card, the other was not complete, consequently I am a copy of *M.C.O.* to the good!

The solutions of the Acrostics (page 108) are as follows:—

Acrostic No. 1.

A h a B
M a n c h U
O r a t o R
S a t a N

Acrostic No. 2.

R a G
I d o l a t o R
C S I
Half and half
A n g r i f f
R e t I
D e b u T
C h o u g H

The winner of Acrostic No. 1 was G. T. Womack, to whom I have sent a copy of *Chess Masterpieces*. The number of solutions sent in does not encourage me to continue.

The answers to Problems for Juniors, page 111, are as follows. Problem No. 1. The position is arrived at (1) by the Vienna, by 1 P—K 4, P—K 4; 2 Kt—Q B 3, Kt—K B 3; 3 B—B 4, B—B 4; 4 P—Q 3, P—Q 3; 5 P—B 4, Kt—B 3; 6 Kt—B 3; (2) by the King's Gambit Declined, 1 P—K 4, P—K 4; 2 P—K B 4, B—B 4; 3 Kt—K B 3, P—Q 3; 4 Kt—B 3, Kt—K B 3; 5 B—B 4, Kt—B 3; 6 P—Q 3. At move 3 Kt—K B 3, Kt—Q B 3 would transpose into the Giuoco Piano. 3 P—Q Kt 4, B×P; 4 P—B 4, P×P? is known as Macdonnell's Double Gambit, but 4... P—Q 4 is far stronger. 3 P—B 4 is answered by B×Kt. 3 Q—K 2 is playable. 5 P—B 4

D 2

leads to a well-known variation of the Vienna. At move 6 P—B 5 can be played, the best answer to which is 6. ., Kt—Q 5.

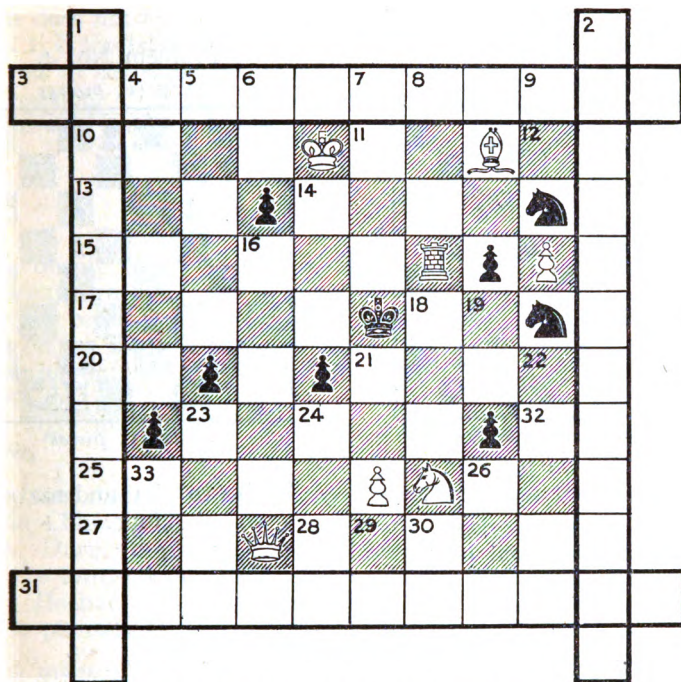
Problem **No. 2.** is a position given by Horwitz and Kling. The solution of (a) is 1 P—Q 6! K—K 1; 2 K—B 4, K—B 2; 3 K—Kt 5, K—K 3; 4 K—B 5, K—B 2; 5 K—Kt 6, K—B 3; 6 K—B 7, K—K 3; 7 P—Q 5 ch and White gains the Pawn. If 2. ., K—Q 1; 3 K—Kt 5, K—B 1; 4 K—R 6, K—Kt 1; 5 K—Kt 6, K—B 1; 6 K—R 7, etc. If 1. ., K—B 1, then 2 K—K 4, keeping the other side of the Queen's file, for if 2 K—B 4, K—Kt 2; 3 K—Kt 5, K—R 2, and White can do nothing, if Black manoeuvres carefully. If White plays 1 K—K 4, K—K 2; 2 K—K 5, P—Q 3 ch; 3 K—K 4, K—K 1 and Black keeps the opposition and draws. (b) If Black has the move the game is drawn, by 1. ., P—Q 3; 2 K—K 4, K—K 1 (or K 2). If 2 K—B 3, then K—B 2.

The solutions to the Problems for Seniors, page 112, are as follows, and here I must apologise for not noting the printer had called both No. 1. Adopting the end-game as Problem **No. 1.** this is a win for White. The position occurred in a match between Nice and Marseille, in which the players agreed to draw. The main play is 1 P—R 4, P—Kt 5; 2 K—K 3, K—Q 4; 3 K—B 4, K—K 3; 4 P×P, B P×P; 5 K—Kt 5, P—Kt 6; 6 K×P, K—B 4; 7 K—R 6, K—B 3; 8 P—R 5, K—B 2; 9 K—Kt 5, K—Kt 2; 10 K—R 4, K—R 3; 11 K—Kt 4, K moves; 12 K×P and wins. Problem **No. 2.** 4 P—Q R 3 is probably the weakest of the four continuations, which have been tried in answer to 3. ., B—Kt 5. 4 B—Q 2, Castles; 5 Kt—B 3, P—Q 3; 6 P—K 3, P—Q Kt 3; 7 B—Q 3, B—Kt 2; 8 Q—B 2, B×K Kt was played by Brinckmann v. Nimzovitch. 4 Kt—B 3, Kt—K 5; 5 Q—Kt 3, P—Q B 4; 6 Kt—Q 2, B×Kt; 7 P×B, Kt×Kt; 8 B×Kt, Q—B 2 by Kostich v. Maroczy, but the best is 4 Q—Kt 3, P—B 4; 5 P×P, B×P; 6 Kt—B 3, Castles; 7 P—K 3, Kt—B 3 as played by Grünfeld v. Sämisch, though the former considers he ought to have played 7 B—B 4. Q—Kt 3 seems Black's best reply to this. I prefer 5. ., P—K R 3 to prevent White's 7th move. 6 Q—B 2 to be followed by B—Kt 5, and P—K 4, or 6 Kt—B 3 and P—K Kt 3 would have been stronger. In the position reached at move 10, Black has the better game, in my opinion.

For this month I am giving readers a chance of solving the clever Chess Cross Word Puzzle, designed by H. H. Cudmore. I shall withhold the answer until June to give the foreign and colonial readers time to compete for the prize, a copy of the new edition of *Modern Chess Openings*, which will go to the first correct answer opened. The envelopes, which must be marked "Cross Word Puzzle" No. 1 in the left-hand corner, will be drawn by someone entirely disinterested in the *B.C.M.* until an absolutely correct one is found. The envelopes should be directed to the Chess Editor, *British Chess Magazine*, 18 Wedderburn Road, London, N.W.3, and should reach him by May 30th, 1925.

CHESS PROBLEM AND CROSS WORD PUZZLE.

By H. H. CUDMORE.



White to play and mate in two moves.
The Chess Pieces are the stops for the
Cross Word Puzzle. All other squares
must contain a Letter.

DOWN.

ACROSS.

1. Holes.
2. Geological specimen.
4. Alternative guillotine
5. To loosen.
6. London Postal District.
7. Beams.
8. Scotch town.
9. Metal formula.
14. Vehicle.
16. Again and again.
18. Skill.
19. A peremptory call.
21. Proportional representation.
22. A lover.
23. Ancient Egyptian inventor
24. Ends.
26. Unclose.
29. Pronoun.
30. A very high honour.
33. Bovine spearmint.

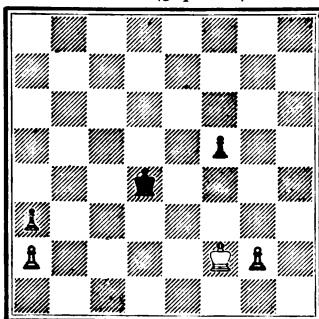
3. Pay.
10. A deer.
11. Affirmative.
12. The senior service.
13. Able-bodied.
14. A cowshed.
15. Repulsive.
17. Seamen's *bête noire*.
18. A sigh.
20. One.
21. A crystal-form.
23. A natural pump.
25. An ancient tribe.
26. A propeller.
27. Pronoun.
28. Blindness.
31. Signatures.
32. You and I.

Space this month will not allow of my continuing my notes, but I append the Problems, solutions of which must be sent to R. C. Griffith, 18 Wedderburn Road, London, N.W.3 by April 30th.

PROBLEMS FOR JUNIORS.

Problem No. 3.

BLACK (3 pieces)

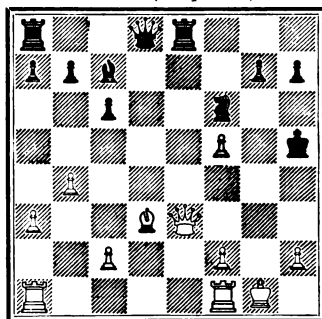


WHITE (3 pieces)

- (a) White to play.
What result and how?
(b) Black to play.
What result and how?

Problem No. 4.

BLACK (11 pieces)



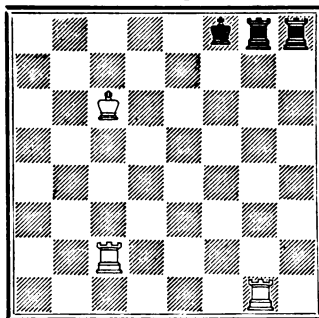
WHITE (11 pieces)

White to play and mate in four.

PROBLEMS FOR SENIORS.

Problem No. 3.

BLACK (3 pieces)



WHITE (3 pieces)

White to play.
What result and how?

Problem No. 4.

A game commenced 1 P—K 4, P—K 4; 2 P—Q 4, P×P; 3 P—Q B 3, P—Q 4; 4 K P×P, Q×P; 5. P×P, Kt—Q B 3; 6 Kt—K B 3, B—Kt 5; 7 Kt—B 3, B—Kt 5; 8 B—K 2, Castles (Q R).

Show where both sides could have improved on their moves, and how the same position could be reached from a French Defence and a Queen's Pawn game.

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.—“Rook”—Many thanks for your letter. I hope the alteration will please you. “H.D.B.”—You still have your chance! I will get R.H.S.S. to advertise for you.

Do come and see me on your return to England. I heartily congratulate you on the 'mate'! "R.W.E."—Yes, I think I shall adopt your suggestion when I am pressed! "J.J.G.E."—I am sorry you think the diagram elaborate, to my mind it is simple; your solution does not apply, take Black King on his Q 4, and White on his Q R 1, if the latter with the move plays K—R 2; although he has moved on to the same colour as the opposing King, he has *not* got the opposition. "Synopsis"—Very glad to welcome you. I have not been through your solutions yet.

OBITUARY.

We deeply regret to hear of the death at Harbin, Manchuria, on February 19th, of Mr. John G. Rennie, in his 37th year only. Mr. Rennie represented Oxford University at chess in 1908 and 1909, playing on the sixth and third boards respectively against Cambridge, and winning on both occasions. After a period with the Metropolitan C.C., in 1913 he joined the City of London. He won the Mocatta cup in 1917 and smaller prizes in other competitions on various occasions.

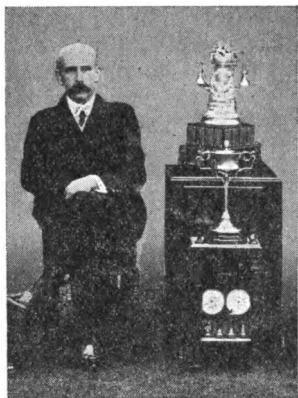
He was the son of Sir Richard Rennie, Judge of the Supreme Court in China, and grandson of Rennie, the celebrated builder of bridges. During the War his health broke down, and he was invalided out of the army, besides being badly handicapped in his commercial career. He had not been very long in his post out in China when death so prematurely cut him off.

His many chess friends will sincerely lament the loss of John Rennie, a talented player and a man of pleasing personality. He leaves a widow and young son, to whom we offer our respectful sympathy. P.W.S.

The death occurred on February 23rd, after a short illness, of Mr. George Watson, a chessplayer who, though not connected with any club (except for a brief period, long ago, with Hampstead), was a constant attendant at cafés where the game flourishes, and was a very fine "skittler." Aged sixty-six, his chess memories went back as far as Purcell's. In his late days he was a familiar figure at the St. George's Café, where his opponents will miss him much. Of a retiring disposition, and disliking slow play, he never challenged anyone. With those whom he knew and liked, however, he would willingly try conclusions, and generally put up an excellent fight. Apart from chess, he was a man of considerable culture and personal charm. P.W.S.

Mr. William Walter White died at a nursing home at Bexhill on February 24th. He had been in failing health the past twelve

months, but the news of his death came as a great shock. He was never the same since being badly cut and shaken in a motor bus accident at Lee some three or four years ago.



The late W. W. WHITE with the Kent and Lewis Cups.

A man of outstanding ability as an organiser and leader, Mr. White took a prominent part in chess enterprise in the South from 1890 to 1920. He was the soul of Kent County Chess Association and his place in that body can never be filled.

Starting as secretary of the Plumstead Chess Club in the early nineties, he was in 1898 elected hon. secretary and match captain for Kent, and he brought something quite new into these two appointments. His charming personality attracted players of all classes to himself and infused a spirit of loyalty and enthusiasm into the County's affairs which is still very strong and will last for years to come. The number of personal friends he made was wonderful, as was the affection and esteem in which he was held; at one time "Try W.W.W." was the magic formula for any query or difficulty which arose.

His speciality was large matches and the great popularity of these at the present time shows how accurately he foresaw the benefits of such contests.

In 1896 he acted as director of play in the biggest match so far played—North v. South, 100 a-side at Cannon Street Hotel (North won $57\frac{1}{2}$ — $42\frac{1}{2}$). This was followed up by contests with Surrey of 50—80 players a-side in which Kent, at first badly beaten, gradually stood up closer to their formidable rivals and finally beat them.

In 1899 Mr. White served on the Executive Committee of the London International tournament of that year; and in this year he commenced that series of Kent congresses which led the way for all other county associations.

In 1901 he found the work too heavy and on relinquishing the secretaryship was elected chairman of the Association.

He was present at Birmingham in 1904 at the meeting which founded the British Chess Federation. A vice-president till his death, no more staunch helper ever supported Mr. Rees in all the Federation's activities. He rarely missed a meeting and was sometimes called in to take the chair if the president, Sir John Thursby, had to leave early.

He was a firm but tactful chairman and an excellent speaker, and meetings under his control were always carried through in an expeditious and businesslike manner.

The following anecdote illustrates his grip on all questions connected with chess. At the Tunbridge Wells congress of 1902, the local committee left the drawing up of the pairing tables till the night before the congress started. But when they sat down to complete this important detail, none of them knew how to do it! Each congress visitor who came into the club was appealed to for assistance and various methods were suggested and tried. A strong player from Hastings volunteered the information that it was necessary to draw the face of a clock and the pairing could then be easily settled. This was tried, and for an hour or more about twenty of the committee and their friends wrestled with the problem without success. At this point W. W. White came in and enquired what was the matter. On the difficulty being explained, he called for ink and paper, sat down at a table, and in twenty minutes the whole of the pairing for five tournaments was determined and neatly written up! All this was done without any figures or clock faces and with no apparent effort at all.

No gathering of chessplayers ever appealed for his assistance in vain. He was one of the first subscribers when an effort was made to found a chess café near the Strand.

As president of Lee for ten years, he saw that club win both the Kent and Lewis cups on several occasions, and also make a fine show in the London Chess League.

During the War when a series of Lightning tournaments was being held at the Gambit in aid of the Permanent Fund of the Federation he attended every one of them and generally gave one of the prizes.

He was chosen for scorer-in-chief in the world's record match of 400 a-side at the Central Hall, Westminster, in 1923, and no living player could have been more suitable.

In 1899 he presented to Kent Association the handsome silver trophy which is held each year by the winner of the individual championship (P. Hart-Dyke was first winner; H. Storr-Best is present holder; and C. Chapman has won it on five occasions).

He is survived by his wife, son and daughter, to whom our deepest sympathy is extended. Mrs. White is a strong lady player and acted for some years as match captain of the Ladies' Chess Club. She is a daughter of the late G. R. Hunter, a chess enthusiast, one of the founders of Kent Association.

Mr. White was a type of the nineteenth century Englishman who made the name of his countrymen famous all the world over for integrity and enterprise. He always subordinated his own to the

general good, although this on several occasions resulted in self-effacement only known to a few. His inspiring influence and sturdy friendship will remain a treasured memory to his colleagues, and to him the words of Hamlet can truly be applied:—

“He was a man, take him for all in all
We shall not look upon his like again.”

R.H.S.S.

John Herbert Milton, Senior Master, Merchant Taylor School, Crosby, died 8th March, 1925.

His fellow-members in the Liverpool Chess Club always found him a helpful colleague in any chess work. An ex-president of the club, he was a frequent competitor in the tournaments and was always ready to take a board in matches when required. He was the leading spirit of the Waterloo Chess Club and was responsible for making it one of the strongest clubs in the Liverpool and District League.

His headmaster has described him as a born schoolmaster and an inspiring teacher in the classroom, and in referring to his other activities he writes: “For years, too, he cultivated a taste in the school for chess.”

Mr. Milton was essentially an organiser, his abilities in this direction were conspicuous at the Liverpool congress of 1923, where he acted as director of the congress. During the present season he held the office of Lancashire captain and had already begun to organise his team for the Yorkshire match when his fatal illness seized him.

E.S.

Mr. William Service, M.A., B.Sc., F.E.I.S., J.P., died on March 4th, aged 76. He joined the Glasgow Chess Club in 1887, and twenty years after was elected president. In 1902 he formed a club at Coatbridge, and almost throughout his life promoted the interests of the game. He will be greatly missed in Scotland.

The death occurred at Tunbridge Wells on March 4th of Mrs. James Surtees Phillpotts, at the age of 82. The deceased lady was for many years a member of the Tunbridge Wells Chess Club, and was very fond of the game. As a player she was handicapped by failing eyesight, and found it much easier to play by colour than by shape. She therefore used a set of chessmen specially prepared with different colours on the top of the pawns and pieces.

When using these men in a room with a good light she was a strong lady player.

Mr. J. S. Phillpotts is well known as the former headmaster of Bedford Grammar School, who in 1875 and several years following brought the number of boys from 250 to 800 and raised the old-established school into the front rank of educational institutions. He gave £500 towards the £22,000 expended on the enlargement and brought to Bedford the best traditions of his own old school of Rugby.

NEWS FROM THE BRITISH ISLES.

Kent played Essex at St. Bride's Institute on March 7th, the first 16 boards counting in the Southern Union championship, and the full 50 for the Amboyna shield. Essex had a good team out and Kent were surprised at the finish to find they had won the championship event by 9—7 and the larger match by 32—18. Score:—

KENT.

ESSEX.

1 H. Storr-Best	½	E. J. Price	½
2 O. C. Muller	1	W. O. Woodfield	0
3 E. Creswell	1	E. W. Osler	0
4 W. B. Dixon	½	E. J. Randall	½
5 B. W. Hamilton	0	E. G. Twitchett	1
6 G. Hanson	½	G. Freeman	½
7 W. M. Brooke	1	E. W. Hart	0
8 J. Sargent	0	H. A. Melvin	1
9 Mrs. Holloway	0	F. A. Sisley	1
10 Mrs. Stevenson	0	W. H. Taylor	1
11 E. A. Coad-Pryor	1	Aylmer Maude	0
12 H. Vine	0	F. J. Whitmarsh	1
13 F. W. Chambers	1	J. G. Hayes	0
14 R. Spitz	1	C. A. Thorogood	0
15 E. B. Puckridge	½	R. H. Bayley	½
16 J. Stuart Hodgson	1	W. E. Evans	0

Total for S.C.C.U. champ. 9

7

17 S. Hussian	1	E. J. Gibbs	0
18 E. A. Noel-Johnson	0	W. G. Elsmore	1
19 B. W. Penson	0	G. F. Hawkins	1
20 D. T. G. Dixon	1	R. C. Harvey	0
21 W. H. Law	1	E. R. Nickol	0
22 E. S. Tinsley	1	J. Allchin	0
23 C. H. Hansen	0	E. Gare	1
24 F. J. Dennis	1	J. E. Scrivener	0
25 S. P. Lees	½	M. F. Willis	½
26 C. H. Taylor	1	H. E. Spenceley	0
27 T. Keliher	1	V. Beeching Hall	0
28 W. J. Bayley	0	T. H. Acton	1
29 N. Rhys	½	R. E. Shepard	½
30 O. Thompson	1	E. T. Morse	0
31 Capt. W. McCanlis	½	S. Clifford Jones	½
32 Miss Cotton	1	L. T. Weaser	0
33 C. E. Woolmer	1	P. Wheatley	0
34 F. S. Bostock	1	A. W. Hill	0
35 F. C. Bailey	0	T. Stutchbery	1
36 N. O. Hopper	½	S. X. Short	½
37 H. A. Beetlestone	1	D. C. Waylen	0
38 R. Kelly	1	R. T. Drown	0
39 S. J. Osborn	1	R. Smith	0
40 H. J. Salter	1	A. Hill	0
41 F. W. Panter	1	H. A. Chappell	0
42 E. Dennis	1	T. C. Harvey	0
43 A. Thompson	0	Miss Chater	1
44 R. W. Powell	1	J. Lines	0
45 Mrs. Thompson	½	I. M. Stein	½
46 Miss Andrews	1	A. Offord	0
47 A. F. Chaborel	0	H. W. Small	1
48 Mrs. Chase	½	Miss Gorst	½
49 Miss Chaborel	0	P. C. Rogers	1
50 J. H. Brown	1	C. P. Allen	0

Total for Amboyna Shield 32

18

D 2

Final for the Montague-Jones cup. This match between Somerset and Hampshire was played at Salisbury on March 14th, and after a ding-dong struggle the western county just won. There were actually nine drawn games out of sixteen, and this shows how well matched were the teams. Somerset will therefore hold the Montague-Jones cup for 1925, and are entitled to play Middlesex for the championship of the Union on April 25th.

SOMERSET.					HAMPSHIRE.				
1	Capt. P. D. Bolland	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	J. H. Blake	..	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$
2	C. Duffield	..	..	0	F. J. H. Elwell	..	..	..	1
3	H. Parsons	..	..	1	R. F. Barlow	..	..	..	0
4	Rev. E. W. Poynton	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	H. D. Lloyd	..	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$
5	R. M. Norman	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	F. A. Joyce	..	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$
6	G. Breakwell	..	..	0	C. T. Bennett	..	..	..	1
7	D. Campbell	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	A. B. Coe	..	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$
8	J. L. Palmer	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	H. A. Way	..	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$
9	L. Vine	..	..	1	A. Hayes	..	..	..	0
10	Commander R. D. Graham	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	W. J. Fry	..	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$
11	B. T. Barker	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	J. S. West	..	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$
12	J. Blair	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	Rev. W. Proctor	..	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$
13	W. J. Titley	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	H. D. Osborne	..	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$
14	G. Gordon	..	..	1	F. G. Binning	....	..	..	0
15	C. Holman	..	..	1	A. H. Yerbury	..	..	..	0
16	Dr. C. W. Gee	..	..	0	E. Clayton	..	..	..	1
				$8\frac{1}{2}$					$7\frac{1}{2}$

The following match took place at the Liberal Club, Bedford, on March 14th, by kind permission of the committee.

BEDFORDSHIRE.					NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.				
1	W. Church	..	..	1	J. T. Greeves	..	..	..	0
2	R. H. Rushton	..	..	1	W. W. Church	..	..	..	0
3	S. W. Dickens	..	..	1	A. G. Blackmore	..	..	..	0
4	F. Dickens	..	..	1	R. S. Henshaw	..	..	..	0
5	C. Loton	..	..	0	Rev. C. F. Bolland	..	..	..	1
6	L. H. Knight	..	..	0	W. T. Church	..	..	..	1
7	J. W. Thorburn	..	..	1	J. S. Henshaw	..	..	..	0
8	J. Edmunds	..	..	1	H. S. Cox	..	..	..	0
9	H. Meakin	..	..	1	H. A. Bilson	..	..	..	0
10	L. White	..	..	1	M. R. Brady	..	..	..	0
11	E. How	..	..	0	E. Skinner	..	..	..	1
12	A. Bate	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	P. P. Perry	..	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$
13	Major Wingfield	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	D. Morris	..	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$
14	A. V. Oliver	..	..	1	Rowland Hill	..	..	..	0
				10					4

Play generally was of a keen order, every game being well contested.

Mr. Rowland Hill, at board 14, was a Bedfordshire player loaned to the other side to make up numbers.

This match completes the programme of the Bedfordshire Chess Association for 1924-25, although a correspondence match is still in progress between Beds. and Lincolnshire.

In the semi-final for the Midland Counties Chess Union Worcester beat Leicestershire by 10—7 and Warwickshire (after the elimination of last game) beat Stafford by 10—9. The final between Warwick and Worcester takes place on April 4th.

Warwickshire *v.* Stafford at the Birmingham Y.M.C.A., Dale End, Saturday, January 31st.

WARWICKSHIRE.

STAFFORDSHIRE.

1 A. J. Mackenzie	0	H. E. Price	1
2 F. G. Butcher	$\frac{1}{2}$	H. H. Norman	$\frac{1}{2}$
3 A. F. Kallaway	$\frac{1}{2}$	J. H. Beebee	$\frac{1}{2}$
4 A. R. Chamberlain	1	F. C. Short	0
5 E. B. Conway	1	Rev. E. J. E. Howlett	0
6 F. H. Morris	$\frac{1}{2}$	H. M. Francis	$\frac{1}{2}$
7 F. J. Roden	1	F. Beebee	0
8 G. H. Edwards	0	K. Henn	1
9 R. Filkin	0	A. J. Butcher	1
10 J. W. Wilder	* $\frac{1}{2}$	J. Bowden	* $\frac{1}{2}$
11 W. T. Bayliss	0	C. G. Butcher	1
12 F. V. Dix	0	J. H. Boulton	1
13 A. J. Bollen	1	J. A. Audley	0
14 P. Allender	1	S. A. H. Burne	0
15 R. H. Bridgwater	$\frac{1}{2}$	Rev. M. Hooppell	$\frac{1}{2}$
16 R. A. V. Tayar	0	G. Frost	1
17 H. C. Clark	$\frac{1}{2}$	J. W. Wall	$\frac{1}{2}$
18 J. W. Jackson	1	S. Russell	0
19 F. P. Harper	1	R. J. Melsome	0
20 W. Harrison	0	S. Morton	1

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*Adjudicated

Elimination of the game at the last board passed Warwickshire into the final round.

Worcestershire *v.* Leicestershire at the Midland Institute on Saturday, January 24th.

WORCESTERSHIRE.

LEICESTERSHIRE.

1 T. H. Tylor	$\frac{1}{2}$	V. H. Lovell	$\frac{1}{2}$
2 E. E. Westbury	1	E. H. Collier	0
3 A. T. Griffith	$\frac{1}{2}$	T. H. Bumpus	$\frac{1}{2}$
4 W. C. Roberts	$\frac{1}{2}$	A. C. Garratt	$\frac{1}{2}$
5 M. A. Prentice	1	F. Draycott	0
6 Rev. A. P. Lacy Hulbert	0	G. S. Taylor	1
7 L. C. Munn	0	H. G. Wright	1
8 C. H. Knight	1	Dr. Fisher	0
9 A. James	$\frac{1}{2}$	F. Moore	$\frac{1}{2}$
10 E. F. Fardon	$\frac{1}{2}$	T. H. Millington	$\frac{1}{2}$
11 H. Breakwell	1	H. W. Lea	0
12 F. G. Hale	$\frac{1}{2}$	V. D. Pavord	$\frac{1}{2}$
13 D. W. Wooldridge	$\frac{1}{2}$	H. J. Chilton	$\frac{1}{2}$
14 H. E. Knott	1	P. E. Collier	0
15 G. C. Brown	1	R. P. A. Lewis	0
16 R. F. Allen	$\frac{1}{2}$	W. Goodman	$\frac{1}{2}$
17 F. W. Trent	0	G. A. Rowley	1

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On March 7th the Combined Northern Universities brought a team to Cambridge. The visitors won the toss and played White

on the odd-numbered boards, but after a good contest they had to admit defeat by $7\frac{1}{2}$ — $4\frac{1}{2}$. Score:—

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY.			COMBINED NORTHERN UNIVERSITIES.		
1	P. Sherman (Trinity)	0	R. J. Broadbent (Liverpool) ..	I	
2	J. Pepper (Trinity)	$\frac{1}{2}$	A. L. Davies (Birmingham) ..	$\frac{1}{2}$	
3	J. E. West (Downing)	I	C. C. Brooks (Manchester) ..	0	
4	E. H. Bateman (Trinity) ..	I	F. F. Waddy (Manchester) ..	0	
5	A. R. B. Thomas (St. John's) ..	$\frac{1}{2}$	D. N. Simmons (Birmingham) ..	$\frac{1}{2}$	
6	M. J. Pollard (St. John's) ..	$\frac{1}{2}$	N. A. Ratcliffe (Manchester) ..	$\frac{1}{2}$	
7	G. E. Hewson (St. Catherine's)	I	A. Wilson (Liverpool) ..	0	
8	A. H. Wilson (Emmanuel) ..	0	J. P. Baxter (Birmingham) ..	I	
9	W. A. Waters (Caius)	$\frac{1}{2}$	F. W. Bradley (Liverpool) ..	$\frac{1}{2}$	
10	H. C. Herrick (St. John's) ..	I	H. Simpson (Manchester) ..	0	
11	R. N. Martin (St. John's) ..	$\frac{1}{2}$	W. L. Kent (Birmingham) ..	$\frac{1}{2}$	
12	M. A. Vernon (Trinity)	I	R. Mordecai (Birmingham) ..	0	
		$7\frac{1}{2}$			$4\frac{1}{2}$

North London travelled to Cambridge on February 28th and inflicted on the Varsity team their first defeat of the season.

NORTH LONDON.			CAMBRIDGE.		
1	E. J. Prior	$\frac{1}{2}$	J. E. West	$\frac{1}{2}$	
2	H. V. Buttfield	I	H. J. Herrick	0	
3	E. J. Randall	I	T. Gosset	0	
4	Rev. W. L. Freer	$\frac{1}{2}$	L. J. Genn	$\frac{1}{2}$	
5	E. A. Cave	$\frac{1}{2}$	A. R. B. Thomas	$\frac{1}{2}$	
6	A. E. Chapple	$\frac{1}{2}$	G. E. Hewson	$\frac{1}{2}$	
7	F. A. Sisley	I	M. J. Pollard	0	
8	R. F. Whitehead	$\frac{1}{2}$	G. W. Furlonge	$\frac{1}{2}$	
9	C. E. Harris	I	R. C. Weaver	0	
10	R. B. Goddard	0	A. H. Wilson	I	
11	F. H. Smith	I	J. E. Pepper	0	
12	H. Wilson	0	W. S. Winscom	I	
13	M. Willis	I	M. A. Porter	0	
14	L. T. Weaser	I	J. E. Caro	0	
15	H. G. Excell	I	G. E. Walker	0	
16	J. E. Trezise	0	P. A. Divac	I	
17	L. W. Cave	0	A. N. Other	I	
		$10\frac{1}{2}$			$6\frac{1}{2}$

Manchester v. Liverpool, played at the Liverpool Chess Club, February 14th.

LIVERPOOL.			MANCHESTER.		
1	J. Lewis	$\frac{1}{2}$	W. A. Fairhurst	$\frac{1}{2}$	
2	Dr. H. Holmes	$\frac{1}{2}$	*D. Joseph	$\frac{1}{2}$	
3	E. Spencer	$\frac{1}{2}$	A. D. Shubsachs	$\frac{1}{2}$	
4	C. Y. C. Dawbarn	$\frac{1}{2}$	A. F. Morell	$\frac{1}{2}$	
5	A. R. B. Thomas	I	C. F. Burslam	0	
6	G. Abrahams	I	C. Boyce	0	
7	Rev. H. Peach	*I	G. H. Midgley	*0	
8	H. Kearne	*I	J. Kay	*0	
9	J. S. Meikle	0	W. Turner	I	
10	N. W. Jones	* $\frac{1}{2}$	J. J. Taylor	* $\frac{1}{2}$	
		$6\frac{1}{2}$			$3\frac{1}{2}$

* Adjudicated.

Lancashire Chess Association.—The organising secretary was the guest of the Blackburn Chess Club on Monday evening, March 9th, and gave as his lecture, "Man-traps and Spring-guns," to an appreciative audience of members and friends, presided over by the Mayor of Blackburn, Councillor J. Stanforth. The lecture was extended to three hours by several illustrations of J. H. Blackburne's end-game brilliances against the world's masters in international tournaments.

Rubinstein in Liverpool.—The Polish master made two visits to the Liverpool club, on the first occasion playing three consultation games simultaneously against strong teams: Board 1, Dawbarn and Jones; 2, Hibbert, Holmes and Kearne; 3, Spencer, Thomas and Bryson. After four hours' keen play the professional had won at the first two boards, but lost to No. 3, which was a very creditable victory for the amateurs.

W. A. Fairhurst has won the championship of Manchester Chess Club for the third year in succession and the challenge cup now becomes his property. Professor R. Robinson was the runner-up.

Although not yet 22, Mr. Fairhurst has for some time been a champion in embryo. The keenness he exhibited at Malvern in 1921 where he tied with A. M. Ewbank for second prize in First Class, Section B, secured him a place in the Minor Open tournament at London in 1922. Here he failed to do himself justice, but he effected drawn games with the winner, Dr. Vajda, G. Barron, D. Miller, H. Saunders and C. R. Gurnhill.

After his success at Manchester he applied, and was accepted, for the British championship at Southport last summer, and scored 4, playing some fine games in the best company possible. If he continues as he has begun, he will one day finish higher still.

Scarborough Festival.—Arrangements are now complete for the Scarborough chess congress at Whitsun, and the organisers are to be congratulated on their enterprising and businesslike dispositions.

Play will commence on Saturday, May 30th, and continue till June 6th.

There will be three events for each of which good prizes are announced.

1. A Premier Open Tourney, limited to 12 competitors. Entrance fee, £1. Prizes, which are given by the Scarborough Townsmen's Association: first, £12 10s.; second, £7 10s.; third, £5; fourth, £2 10s.

2. A Major Open Tourney, limited to 24 players, who will be divided into suitable sections. Prizes: first, £7 10s.; second, £5; third, £3; fourth, £2.

3. A Minor Open Tourney. Prizes: first, £5; second, £3; third, £2; fourth, £1.

In addition there will be a championship event for players residing in the North and East Riding of Yorkshire, for which a challenge trophy is being obtained, and in addition there will be four prizes value £5, £3, £2 and £1 respectively.

Entries must be sent before May 9th to the hon. secretary, G. M. Reid, 14 York Place, Scarborough.

The Edwin Woodhouse Cup.—The penultimate round of this competition shows that the final destination of the cup is nearly but not quite determined.

Leeds were not strongly represented in their match *v.* Huddersfield, and their defeat, coupled with Sheffield's victory over Hull, puts Sheffield at the top of the table with Leeds one point behind, and the competition rests between these two.

Thus the match between Leeds and Sheffield, played at the former city on February 28th, was the most important one in the competition during the season. At this stage each had one match still to play, but as Leeds had to travel to Hull, whilst Sheffield receive Bradford at home, Leeds had the more difficult task, and the result of the competition looked like remaining open to the very last.

Huddersfield, having at last found their feet, are now marching on from strength to strength, and have netted the scalps of Hull, Leeds and Bradford in turn.

February 14th.

HUDDERSFIELD.						LEEDS.					
1	H. F. Atkins	..	..	..	1	F. Schofield	..	..	..	..	0
2	C. J. Wenyon	..	..	..	1	A. C. Ivimy	..	..	..	..	0
3	H. J. Lofthouse	..	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	R. Jones	..	..	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$
4	R. A. Sturgeon	..	..	..	1	A. A. Williams	..	..	..	..	0
5	F. M. Bassano	..	..	..	1	S. Leader	..	..	..	..	0
6	H. Greenwood	..	..	..	0	H. Wortley	..	..	..	..	1
7	H. Mellor	..	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	M. Andrew	..	..	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$
8	W. D. Foster	..	..	..	0	W. F. Curtis	..	..	..	..	1
9	J. Calvert	..	..	..	0	F. J. Judson	..	..	..	..	1
10	E. Winterbottom	..	..	..	1	W. Skirrow	..	..	..	..	0
						6					4

February 14th.

SHEFFIELD.						HULL.					
1	G. W. Moses	..	..	..	I	W. Atkinson	..	..	..	0	
2	W. H. Sparkes	..	..	..	0	G. Barron	..	..	..	I	
3	H. H. Clarke	..	..	..	I	J. J. Shields	..	..	..	0	
4	H. D. Rockett	..	..	..	I	S. Jackson	..	..	..	0	
5	W. J. Berryman	..	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	R. Bainbridge	..	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	
6	J. Orange	..	..	..	0	E. Hanger	..	..	..	I	
7	F. Ogden	..	..	..	0	E. B. Robinson	..	..	..	I	
8	C. North	..	..	..	I	T. Banks	..	..	..	0	
9	A. Fleming	..	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	C. Havercroft	..	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	
10	W. J. Knowles	..	..	..	I	G. H. Burrell	..	..	..	0	

February 28th.

LEEDS.

1	P. Wenman	..	..	..	0
2	F. Schofield	..	..	..	1
3	A. C. Ivimy	..	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$
4	G. Pollard	..	..	..	0
5	A. A. Williams	..	..	..	0
6	H. Wortley	..	..	..	1
7	J. Croysdale	..	..	..	$*\frac{1}{2}$
8	C. Sandberg	..	..	..	1
9	M. Andrew	..	..	..	$*\frac{1}{2}$
10	W. F. Curtis	..	..	..	1

SHEFFIELD.

G. W. Moses	..	..	..	0
E. Dale	..	..	..	0
H. H. Clarke	..	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$
W. H. Sparkes	..	..	..	1
W. J. Berryman	..	..	..	1
H. D. Rockett	..	..	..	0
J. Orange	..	..	..	$*\frac{1}{2}$
F. Ogden	..	..	..	0
C. North	..	..	..	$*\frac{1}{2}$
A. R. Fleming	..	..	..	0

5 $\frac{1}{2}$

* Adjudicated.

4 $\frac{1}{2}$

Game played at Board 6 in the Leeds v. Sheffield match on February 28th.

GAME No. 5.372.

Scotch Gambit.

WHITE		BLACK		WHITE		BLACK	
H. WORTLEY		H. D. ROCKETT		H. WORTLEY		H. D. ROCKETT	
(Leeds)		(Sheffield)		(Leeds)		(Sheffield)	
1	P—K 4	1	P—K 4	15	Q—R 4 ch	15	K—K 2
2	Kt—K B 3	2	Kt—Q B 3	16	Kt—B 3	16	Kt—K B 3
3	P—Q 4	3	P×P	17	B×Kt	17	P×B
4	B—B 4	4	B—B 4	18	R×P	18	B×P ch
5	Castles	5	P—Q 3	19	K—R 1	19	K—Q 3
6	P—B 3	6	B—K 3	20	Kt—Kt 5 ch	20	K×R
7	B×B	7	P×B (a)	21	Q—B 4 ch	21	K×P
8	P×P	8	B—Kt 3	22	Q—B 5 ch	22	K—B 3
9	P—Q 5	9	P×P	23	R—B 1 ch	23	K—Kt 3
10	P×P	10	Q Kt—K 2	24	Q×B ch	24	K—R 4
11	Kt—Kt 5	11	Q—Q 2	25	P—Kt 4 ch	25	K—R 5
12	Kt—K 6	12	Kt—Kt 3	26	Kt—B 3 ch	26	K—R 6
13	R—K 1	13	Kt—K 4	27	R—Q Kt 1	27	Q×Kt
14	B—B 4	14	Q—B 2	28	Q—Kt 2(b) mate.		

(a) 6.., B—K Kt 5 is much stronger.

(b) 27 R—Q Kt 1, threatening a dual mate by R—Kt 3 and Q—Kt 2 as in the game.

February 28th.

HUDDERSFIELD.

1	H. E. Atkins	..	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$
2	C. G. Wenyon	..	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$
3	H. A. Cadman	..	..	..	1
4	H. J. Lofthouse	..	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$
5	R. A. Sturgeon	..	..	..	0
6	F. M. Bassan	..	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$
7	H. Greenwood	..	..	..	1
8	W. D. Foster	..	..	..	0
9	J. Calvert	..	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$
10	C. H. Hinchliffe	..	..	..	1

5 $\frac{1}{2}$

BRADFORD.

T. A. Staynes	..	..	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$
J. Foulds	..	..	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$
H. W. Hodgkinson	..	..	..	..	0
F. Betts	..	..	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$
T. Hillary	..	..	..	..	1
J. R. Deacon	..	..	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$
W. Staynes	..	..	..	..	0
W. W. Hale	..	..	..	..	1
J. B. Grew	..	..	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$
C. B. Cribb	..	..	..	..	0

4 $\frac{1}{2}$

HULL.						LEEDS.					
1	A. G. Conde	..	..	..	I	P. Wenman	..	..	..	..	0
2	W. Atkinson	..	..	..	O	F. Schofield	..	..	..	..	I
3	G. Barron	..	..	..	I	A. C. Ivimy	..	..	..	..	0
4	M. Jackson	..	..	..	I	G. Pollard	..	..	..	..	0
5	J. J. Shields	..	..	..	I	H. Wortley	..	..	..	..	0
6	S. Jackson	..	..	..	I	S. Leader	..	..	..	..	0
7	R. Bainbridge	..	..	..	I	J. Croysdale	..	..	..	..	0
8	E. J. Adams	..	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	M. Andrew	..	..	..	..	0
9	S. V. Foulston	..	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	W. F. Curtis	..	..	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$
10	C. H. Wear	..	..	..	I	W. Skirrow	..	..	..	..	0
8						2					

On March 14th Leeds met their Waterloo at Hull and their chances of premier position are nearly down to zero. Hull, with its best contingent, inflicted the most decisive defeat of the competition on the inland invaders, only F. Schofield at board 2 scoring a win. Boards 8 and 9 drew, but the gallant team that set out with such high hopes returned defeated by 8—2. Sheffield have now only to draw or win with Bradford to secure the cup. Rather a big “only,” as Bradford when in form are a very strong opposition.

Inter-School Chess in South Yorkshire.—For the first time, in Yorkshire at any rate, there has been a series of inter-school chess matches in South Yorks. The schools participating being Wath, Hemsworth, Castleford and Maltby: the latter school has played home and return matches with each of the others, and has won every match, games being 29 won, 9 lost and 1 drawn.

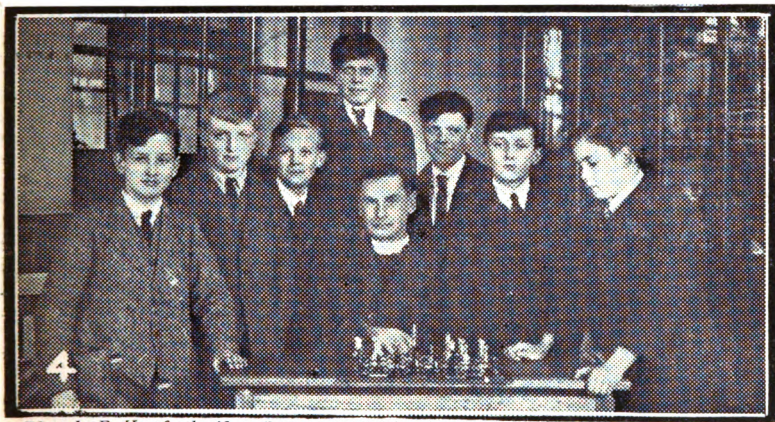


Photo by E. Horsforth, Hon. Secretary, Maltby Chess Club.

Names (left to right) L. HOPKINSON, C. BAGSHAW, J. HOADES, S. PARKER, A. BLYTH, E. JOW, J. NEEDAM. Seated: Rev. C. E. HUGHES, a great enthusiast who frequently visits the school.

It is hoped next year to form an inter-school chess league, if more schools can be persuaded to take up the game.

At Maltby the game was started as late as September, 1924, and the members of the chess club, confined at present to Standard VII and Ex. VII number about 60. It holds a school championship tournament once a term, plays correspondence games and occasionally the teachers play simultaneous games against the boys. Inter-class games are also played.

Yorkshire v. Lancashire.—This important match was played on March 21st at the headquarters of the Leeds club, Leeds Institute, Cookridge Street, and after a spirited contest of four hours duration,

the scores were Yorkshire $11\frac{1}{2}$, Lancashire $10\frac{1}{2}$, with 8 positions for adjudication. Forecasts, which may be wrong, predicted a final score in favour of Yorkshire by the odd game.

The visiting team received a cordial welcome from I. M. Brown (president, Yorkshire Chess Association), who referred to the Scarborough Whitsuntide congress, and he appealed particularly to all Northern chessplayers to give their support by competing in the various tournaments.

Full score of the match will be given next month.

North Wales Chess Association Tournament.—Seven clubs entered teams for this annual event, at the commencement of the 1924-25 season, and the semi-finals were played at Chester on Saturday, March 7th, with the following results: Wrexham beat Colwyn Bay by 4 games to 2; Rhos beat Bangor University by 7 games to nil; Rhos, who are the present holders of the trophy, have therefore to meet Wrexham in the final, on or before April 11th. The detailed results were as follows:—

RHOS.					BANGOR UNIVERSITY.					
1	F. E. Jones	..	..	..	1	G. Williams	..	..	..	0
2	S. Pritchard	..	..	..	1	O. Pritchard	..	..	..	0
3	T. Bennett	..	..	..	1	E. Rees	..	..	..	0
4	L. Green	..	..	..	1	Caryl Arnold	..	..	..	0
5	E. T. Williams	..	..	..	1	J. H. Ellis	..	..	..	0
6	T. Reid	..	..	..	1	K. Hills	..	..	..	0
7	J. A. Williams	..	..	..	1	G. E. Pierce	..	..	..	0
					7	0				
WREXHAM.					COLWYN BAY.					
1	C. G. Caldecott	..	..	..	1	E. D. Rowlands	..	..	..	0
2	H. E. Coplestone	..	..	..	1	T. C. Beakbane	..	..	..	0
3	Sir L. B. Rowland	..	..	..	0	Dr. Eames	..	..	..	1
4	E. L. Rogers	..	..	..	0	H. W. Shardlow	..	..	..	1
5	R. W. Egerton	..	..	..	1	A. Wood	..	..	..	0
6	H. Pickering	..	..	..	1	H. Taylor	..	..	..	0
					4	2				

consider himself "the Father of the House of Caissa," but if a better claim exists we hope our readers will let us know. Full score:—

SOUTH WALES CHESS ASSOCIATION.

1	J. D. Chambers (Penarth)	..	0
2	A. Marshall (Cardiff)	..	$\frac{1}{2}$
3	R. H. Seal (Cardiff)	..	$\frac{1}{2}$
4	A. Harper (Mountain Ash)	..	$\frac{1}{2}$
5	W. D. Wight (Penarth)	..	$\frac{1}{2}$
6	A. E. Gill (Newport)	..	$\frac{1}{2}$
7	H. J. Smith (Newport)	..	1
8	R. Allen (Cardiff)	..	1
9	C. Hybart (Bridgend)	..	0
10	J. T. Robinson (Cardiff)	..	1
11	H. Mark (Penarth)	..	1
12	A. Hollman (Penarth)	..	1
13	A. M. Harper (Mountain Ash)	..	1
14	J. F. Colbourne (Newport)	..	$\frac{1}{2}$
15	S. M. Harper (Mountain Ash)	..	1
16	J. C. Dove (Cardiff)	..	0
17	F. Jarvis (Porthcawl)	..	1
18	P. Thomas (Newport)	..	1
19	G. E. Chappell (Bridgend)	..	1
20	C. W. Nickolls (Cardiff)	..	0
21	G. Townsend (Caerphilly)	..	0
22	G. Gibson (Cardiff)	..	0
23	J. Dudson (Caerphilly)	..	1
24	A. M. Woodd (Cardiff)	..	1
25	C. Mogg (Penarth)	..	0
26	J. A. Riccamini (Penarth)	..	0
27	C. E. Wakeford (Penarth)	..	0
28	W. B. Williams (Penarth)	..	0
29	C. O. Hettich (Cardiff)	..	1
30	W. Llewellyn (Newport)	..	0
31	R. G. Kyte (Bridgend)	..	1

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WELSH BORDER LEAGUE.

J. Lewis (Blaina)	..	..	1
B. McPherson (Tredegar)	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$
A. E. Grimes (Nantyglo)	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$
A. Williams (Blaina)	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$
J. Morgan (Tredegar)	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$
E. Roberts (Merthyr)	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$
J. Williams (Merthyr)	..	..	0
J. Thomas (Blaina)	..	..	0
C. Williams (Nantyglo)	..	..	1
T. Fleet (Tredegar)	..	..	0
H. R. Woodcock (Merthyr)	..	..	0
H. McKenzie (Bargoed)	..	..	0
J. Price (Blaina)	..	..	0
W. Yemm (Nantyglo)	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$
F. Pugh (Nantyglo)	..	..	0
D. Prescott (Tredegar)	..	..	1
M. Rees (Nantyglo)	..	..	0
T. Jones (Nantyglo)	..	..	0
P. Evans (Nantyglo)	..	..	0
H. Irving (Merthyr)	..	..	1
D. Jones (Blaina)	..	..	1
H. Dye (Tredegar)	..	..	1
T. H. Jones (Tredegar)	..	..	0
C. Price (Merthyr)	..	..	0
R. E. Williams (Bargoed)	..	..	1
J. L. Davies (Blaina)	..	..	1
H. Marston (Bargoed)	..	..	1
W. D. Thorborn (Blaina)	..	..	1
G. Browne (Nantyglo)	..	..	0
D. J. Jones (Blaina)	..	..	1
H. E. Dickenson (Tredegar)	..	..	0

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Richardson Cup.—Two West of Scotland teams were engaged in the final of the Richardson cup: Glasgow and Glasgow Central, on February 25th.

The former had accounted for Edinburgh by $4\frac{1}{2}$ — $2\frac{1}{2}$ in a reply, the first match being drawn; and Dundee by the same number. Glasgow Central have beaten Bohemians and Queen's Park. A local paper stated that the "Centrals" had "youth" on their side, and their opponents "experience." The result was as follows:—

GLASGOW.

1	W. G. Gibson	..	..	..	1
2	J. A. M'Kee	..	..	..	*
3	J. Birch	..	..	..	0
4	J. Marshall	..	..	..	0
5	A. Murray	..	..	..	*
6	Dr. Forrester	..	..	..	1
7	J. M'Grouther	..	..	..	*

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CENTRAL.

D. M. MacIsaac	..	..	..	0
H. J. N. Walsworth	..	..	..	*
J. Gilchrist	..	..	..	1
J. R. Draper	..	..	..	1
J. H. Whyte	..	..	..	*
A. Smith	..	..	..	0
R. C. Borland	..	..	..	*

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This cup was presented by J. B. Richardson in December, 1898. It is of solid silver with gilt inside, and stands two feet high with its plinth.

Spens Cup Final.—This match was played at 20 Rutland Square, Edinburgh, also on February 25th, the combatants being Edinburgh Ladies and Cowdenbeath. The events leading up to this final were :—

Round 1 : Edinburgh Ladies a bye ; Cowdenbeath 4, Greenock Mechanics 3.

Round 2 : Edinburgh Ladies 4, Perth 3 ; Cowdenbeath 6, Edinburgh Civil Service 1.

Round 3 : Edinburgh Ladies 4½, Alloa 2½ ; Cowdenbeath 5½, Gourrock 1½.

The Edinburgh Ladies are not new to the final stage ; indeed, they have twice before reached it—in 1921 and again last year, when the Glasgow Bohemians won the trophy.

The Cowdenbeath team which won the cup consists of Fifeshire miners and had never previously reached this stage.

COWDENBEATH.						EDINBURGH LADIES.					
1	G. Hynd	..	..	..	½	Mrs. Ritchie	..	..	..	½	
2	W. Mitchell	..	..	..	½	Mrs. Coast	..	..	..	½	
3	C. Hynd	..	..	..	0	Miss Forbes	..	..	..	1	
4	W. Stewart	..	..	..	1	Miss Mercer	..	..	..	0	
5	G. Guthrie	..	..	..	0	Miss Crum	..	..	..	1	
6	J. Cowan	..	..	..	1	Miss Malcolm	..	..	..	0	
7	A. Nisbet	..	..	..	1	Miss Kessen	..	..	..	0	
4						3					

The annual congress of the Scottish Chess Association will commence on April 10th at Edinburgh. There will be three chief events :—

1. The Scottish championship for twelve players.
2. The Scottish Ladies' championship.
3. Minor competition.

The congress will last a week, and entries, which close on March 31st, should be sent to C. Wardhaugh, Moray Cottage, Cardross, Dumbartonshire.

The winner of the championship takes the Spens gold medal and the first prize of £10. There are four other prizes.

The latest town to support a chess league is Dundee, where six teams have entered the lists, the present position being below. Home-and-home matches are played. Two points for a win and one for a draw.

	P.	W.	D.	Pts.
Dundee Catholic Association	6	2	1	5
Dundee Liberal Club	2	2	0	4
Dundee Y.M.C.A.	2	2	0	4
Lochee Road Social Club	4	2	0	4
Dundee C.C. (2nd Team)	2	0	1	1
Deaf and Dumb Mission	2	0	0	0

E. Beckington is the hon. secretary.

That chessplayers sometimes unbend is shown by the announcement that the Glasgow Bohemian C.C. held a whist drive, supper and concert in the Ceylon Annexe, 60 Bath Street, on February 26th, tickets being 2/6 each.

Chess in Ireland.—The contest for the Armstrong cup in Dublin has now reached a very interesting stage. The return match between Sackville and Dublin, played on March 12th, is not yet finally decided, but it would appear as if victory must go to the latter, who have a score of $3\frac{1}{2}$ to $1\frac{1}{2}$ on the finished games and stand at least level on two out of the three unfinished. Mr. Baker at board 1 for the Sackville turned the tables on his opponent, Mr. Cranstown, who had beaten him in the first match. The appended game was played at board 6, the winner being the president of the Dublin club of which he has been a member for forty years!

The championship now lies between those two teams and a deciding tie-match will probably require to be played.

GAME NO. 5,373.

WHITE		BLACK		WHITE		BLACK	
A. SAYERS		W. MOFFAT WILSON		A. SAYERS		W. MOFFAT WILSON	
(Sackville)		(Dublin)		(Sackville)		(Dublin)	
1	P—K 4		P—K 4	18	Q R—Q 1		B—R 5
2	Kt—K B 3		Kt—Q B 3	19	P—K B 4 (a)		B×R
3	B—B 4		Kt—B 3	20	R×B		P—Q B 4
4	P—Q 3		P—K R 3	21	P—Q 4		R—Q B 1
5	P—B 3		P—Q 3	22	Q—R 5		Q—K 1
6	P—K R 3		B—K 2	23	Q—R 4		R—Q B 3
7	B—K 3		B—Q 2	24	Kt—Q 2		Q—Kt 3
8	B—Kt 3		Castles	25	Q—B 2		Q—R 4
9	Q Kt—Q 2		B—K 3	26	P—B 4		P×P
10	B—B 2		P—Q 4	27	B—R 4		R—Kt 3
11	P×P		Kt×P	28	P×B		Kt—B 4
12	Castles		P—K B 4	29	B—Q 1		Q×P
13	Kt—Kt 3		P—Q Kt 3	30	B—K 2		Kt—K 5 (b)
14	Q—K 2		Kt—B 3	31	Kt×Kt		P×Kt (c)
15	B—B 4		B—Q 4	32	B—Q 1		P—K 6
16	Kt×P		Kt×Kt	33	Q—B 2		P×Q 6
17	B×Kt		Kt—Q 2	34	R×P		P×Q
				35	Resigns		

(a) Apparently an oversight; loses the Exchange.

(b) The beginning of a well-conceived combination.

(c) If 32 B×P, R×B P.

London Chess League.—Next month we will give the full results as the competition will then be finished, but the winners can be named now. Hampstead have scored 12 straight wins and cannot be overtaken; they are undoubtedly the best team in the league at the present time.

Metropolitan are second with $9\frac{1}{2}$ out of 11, West London third $8\frac{1}{2}$ out of 11, and Ludeagle fourth 8 in 11.

Two injustices have been done to the West London Club in our last two issues. In February we gave the then position of the league and inadvertently missed the West team out, while in March the match

with Oxford University was given as a win to the 'Varsity. Actually West London just won as the two games for adjudication were given in their favour.

The British News editor much regrets these errors, particularly as the injured team are good supporters of the *B.C.M.* and are of course one of the most virile and progressive clubs in the metropolis.

London Commercial Chess League.—It is also possible to indicate the winners of this interesting and well-managed competition, thanks to the way in which its hon. secretary, R. W. Bayliss, keeps us posted with the latest news. The Nestanglo club have come out on top with 8 wins out of 9, and we congratulate them. Encouraged by the firm who give them a comfortable room, and fathered by A. J. Maas, they have merited their high position by their perseverance and keenness. "Lloyds," who make a good second, represent the Corporation of Lloyds, Royal Exchange.

	P.	W.	D.	L.	Pts.
Nestanglo	9	8	0	1	8
Lloyds	9	7	1	1	7½
Shell Mex	8	5	0	3	5
St. Helen's Court	9	4	1	4	4½
Cornhill	7	4	0	3	4
Mex	9	3	2	4	4
Bowrings	8	3	1	4	3½
Morton's	8	2	0	6	2
Motor Union	6	1	1	4	1½
Sedgwick Collins	7	0	0	7	0

Public Schools Championship.—Worcester College for the Blind retained possession of the Worcester Public Schools championship shield by defeating King's College, Worcester, at the College by 5½—½. The College has thus for the second time in the last nine years won the championship three years in succession.

Davies had an early win on board 6, but on the others the King's players, showing much improved form, put up a sturdy resistance against their strong opponents.

So far this season the College has played 9 matches, winning 8 and losing 1 (to Oxford University), scoring 52½ games to their opponents' 20½. Score:—

COLLEGE FOR THE BLIND.					KING'S SCHOOL.				
1 M. Bates (Capt.)	I				M. R. Craze	0			0
2 R. W. Bonham	I				K. N. Ross (Capt.)	0			0
3 A. Brace	I				L. W. Shorting	0			0
4 V. Nelson	0				C. L. Garnett	0			0
5 C. D. Wheeler	½				L. S. K. Ford	½			½
6 E. E. Davies	I				R. K. Hooper	0			0
5½					½				

The Vectis Chess Club has just lost its champion for the year, F. N. Braund, who has left the Isle of Wight after many years' residence, to return to his native town of Ware, in Hertfordshire.

Mr. Braund tied with F. A. Joyce, another Hampshire veteran, but won the play-off by scoring 2 out of 3. The Rev. W. E. Evill was third and F. Miller was fourth.

Mr. Braund will be missed, not only because he is a strong player, but for the great interest he took in the club and the help and advice he was always ready to give to his colleagues.

University of London Chess Club.—Match played at Food Reform Restaurant, 2-3 Fumival Street, Holborn, between U.L.C.C. and Metropolitan Chess Club, on Thursday, February 19th, and won by the University $6\frac{1}{2}$ — $5\frac{1}{2}$.

LONDON UNIVERSITY.

1 R. F. Goldstein (B.)	..	..	1
2 L. Klein	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$
3 N. F. Maclagan	..	..	0
4 J. A. Allcock	..	..	1
5 G. E. Mold	..	..	1
6 Default	..	..	0
7 Default	..	..	0
8 T. G. Griggs	..	..	1
9 L. Piyamedhi	..	..	0
10 J. H. Bevis	..	..	0
11 T. Bispham	..	..	1
12 P. B. Botcherby	..	..	1

 $6\frac{1}{2}$

METROPOLITAN.

L. C. G. Dewing	..	..	..	0
J. H. Morrison	..	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$
H. Ford	..	..	..	1
T. Keliher	..	..	..	0
T. E. Webb	..	..	..	0
M. Savage	..	..	..	1
M. Chester	..	..	..	1
W. Bell	..	..	..	0
F. Hodge	..	..	..	1
Capt. Gattie	..	..	..	1
B. Kemmis	..	..	..	0
Mrs. Bowles	..	..	..	0

 $5\frac{1}{2}$

On Wednesday, March 4th, the University of London Chess Club played a match with the National Liberal Club Chess Circle at the N.L.C., the result after adjudication being a draw 6—6.

LONDON UNIVERSITY.

1 R. F. Goldstein (w.)	..	..	0
2 L. Klein	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$
3 N. F. Maclagan	..	..	0
4 J. A. Allcock	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$
5 G. E. Mold	..	..	0
6 W. L. Roche	..	..	1
7 E. J. Scrimgeour	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$
8 T. G. Griggs	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$
9 H. S. Robinson	..	..	0
10 J. H. Bevis	..	..	1
11 T. Bispham	..	..	1
12 P. B. Botcherby	..	..	1

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NATIONAL LIBERAL CLUB.

B. E. Sieghelm	..	..	..	1
E. Morgan	..	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$
V. A. Halford	..	..	..	1
Dr. J. Schumer	..	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$
F. G. Stratton	..	..	..	1
C. W. Dawkins	..	..	..	0
A. W. Claremont	..	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$
I. Hatfield	..	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$
S. P. J. Merlin	..	..	..	1
F. W. Roper	..	..	..	0
B. Grad	..	..	..	0
E. Beattie	..	..	..	0

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* Adjudicated by Mr. Amos Burn.

The Universities commenced their 1925 London tour on Saturday, March 14th, when they met London University (past and present)

at Malet Street, W.C. The Metropolitans scored their first victory over the Blues, the final result being $9\frac{1}{2}$ — $6\frac{1}{2}$.

LONDON UNIVERSITY.						OXFORD AND CAMBRIDGE.					
1	H. Jacobs	..	..	..	I	H. J. Snowden (C.)	..	..	..	O	
2	G. M. Norman	..	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	P. I. Wyndham (C.)	..	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	
3	L. Savage	..	..	..	I	A. Rutherford (O.)	..	..	..	O	
4	R. F. Kerslake	..	..	..	O	A. R. B. Thomas (C.)	..	..	..	I	
5	L. Klein	..	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	A. W. Stonier (O.)	..	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	
6	R. G. Armstrong	..	..	..	I	K. H. Bancroft (O.)	..	..	..	O	
7	A. M. Ewbank	..	..	..	I	K. F. T. Mills (C.)	..	..	..	O	
8	N. F. Maclagan	..	..	..	O	H. J. C. Herrick (C.)	..	..	..	I	
9	J. A. Allcock	..	..	..	I	G. R. Mitchell (O.)	..	..	..	O	
10	T. S. Dawn	..	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	N. J. Pollard (C.)	..	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	
11	G. E. Mold	..	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	C. E. Stevens (O.)	..	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	
12	H. S. Robinson	..	..	..	O	P. Wilson (O.)	..	..	..	I	
13	W. L. Roche	..	..	..	I	L. James	..	..	..	O	
14	E. J. Scrimgeour	..	..	..	I	G. Costigan	..	..	..	O	
15	N. Davies	..	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	G. C. Ives	..	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	
16	T. G. Griggs	..	..	..	O	N. Baliol-Scott (O.)	..	..	..	I	
9 $\frac{1}{2}$						6 $\frac{1}{2}$					

In a closely-contested match played at Stanfield House, Hampstead, the home team won by the odd point.

HAMPSTEAD.						COMBINED UNIVERSITIES.					
1	W. Winter	..	..	..	I	B. Goulding Brown	..	..	..	O	
2	R. C. Griffith	..	..	..	I	A. Oppenheim	..	..	..	O	
3	W. E. Bonwick	..	..	..	O	D. M. Morrah	..	..	..	I	
4	A. E. Mercer	..	..	..	I	J. E. West	..	..	..	O	
5	E. T. Bangert	..	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	A. W. Stonier	..	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	
6	W. H. M. Kirk	..	..	..	I	L. James	..	..	..	O	
7	A. Knight	..	..	..	O	G. E. Hewson	..	..	..	I	
8	W. W. Brougham	..	..	..	O	E. H. Bateman	..	..	..	I	
9	E. Williams	..	..	..	O	K. H. Bancroft	..	..	..	I	
10	Mrs. Holloway	..	..	..	I	G. R. Mitchell	..	..	..	O	
11	H. G. Dowden	..	..	..	O	A. W. Excell	..	..	..	I	
12	W. Eldridge	..	..	..	I	H. F. Sutherland	..	..	..	O	
13	P. B. Botcherby	..	..	..	I	G. Costigan	..	..	..	O	
14	C. E. P. Brooks	..	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	M. J. Pollard	..	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	
15	J. S. Russell	..	..	..	O	P. I. Wyndham	..	..	..	I	
16	N. Rhys	..	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	R. M. Martin	..	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	
17	R. J. Minns	..	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	E. P. C. Cotter	..	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	
18	Miss Chater	..	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	G. C. Ives	..	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	
9 $\frac{1}{2}$						8 $\frac{1}{2}$					

RESULTS OF THE TOUR.

Monday, March	16	—Combined Universities beat Insurance, $12\frac{1}{2}$ — $7\frac{1}{2}$.
Tuesday, "	17	— " " lost to Hampstead, $8\frac{1}{2}$ — $9\frac{1}{2}$.
Wednesday, "	16	— " " lost to City of London, 5—15.
Thursday, "	19	—Oxford lost to Ludeagle (consultation), 1—3. Cambridge lost to United Banks, 6—5.
Saturday, "	21	—Combined Universities beat West London, $6\frac{1}{2}$ — $5\frac{1}{2}$.
"	21	(evening) " " drew with North London, $5\frac{1}{2}$ all.
Monday, "	23	—Combined Universities beat Athenaeum and Reform Clubs, 8—3.

Oxford v. Cambridge.—The 49th Annual Match between the rival universities was played on Friday, March 20th, at the City of London Chess Club, Oxford winning an interesting match by four games to three and bringing the record to : Cambridge 23, Oxford 22, 4 drawn.

The first game finished was a win for Oxford on Board 6, the Cambridge player in defending the Queen's Pawn game making an error in the middle game and losing the exchange ; a further mistake led to an early Mate.

Shortly afterwards a win was recorded on Board No. 2, where Thomas, who has not done his chess powers credit in these matches abandoned a hopeless end-game resulting from the Cambridge Springs Defence of the Queen's Gambit Declined, in which he early lost a Pawn, and later a Piece from having to sacrifice it to stop a Pawn from Queening.

Oxford's third success followed on Board 4, where Black's weak Queen's side Pawns resulting from a Sicilian Defence, causing his resignation in a Rook and Pawn ending.

This was followed by a draw on Board 5. Here Bateman replied to the Sicilian Defence of his opponent by the " Wing " Gambit, and got a good attack which he carried out well and thereby won a Piece ; this should have led to an easy win but he sacrificed the exchange unnecessarily and then got his pieces badly tied up so that at one period Bancroft had a chance of winning.

Another draw on Board 7 on which Black adopted Alekhine's Defence, the resulting game was well contested, both attack and defence being well balanced, here the struggle resulted in Bishops of opposite colours and an inevitable draw—this gained Oxford the victory.

The remaining two games were won by Cambridge, Stonier's Pawn position was inferior as a result of defending an irregular Queen's Pawn Opening, and in a Rook and Pawn ending, Herrick secured sufficient advantage for a win on adjudication. The game on Board 1 was worthy of the occasion and was a fine struggle between two good players opened on modern lines, the game resulted in White securing two Passed Pawns in the centre, while Black had the advantage of two Pawns on the Queen's wing but the centre Pawns gained the day. It is an interesting fact that of the three games in which White played 1 P—K 4 Black played an irregular defence and that in the other four games the present modern theories were followed. We cannot help wishing that in these matches the fine attacks and counter-attacks of the King's-side openings are not more in evidence. The full score is as follows :—

OXFORD UNIVERSITY.

1 A. Oppenheim (Balliol) ..	0
2 G. S. A. Wheatcroft (New C'll'ge) 1	
3 A. W. Stonier (Christ Church) *0	
4 N. Baliol Scott (Christ Church) 1	
5 K. H. Bancroft (Pembroke) ..	½
6 G. R. Mitchell (Magdalen) ..	1
7 H. F. Sutherland (Balliol) ..	½

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CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY.

J. E. West (Downing (w.) ..	1
A. R. B. Thomas (St. John's) ..	0
H. J. C. Herrick (St. John's) ..	1
G. E. Hewson (St. Catherine's) ..	0
E. H. Bateman (Trinity) ..	½
J. Pepper (Trinity) ..	0
P. Sherman (Trinity) ..	½

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St. Bride's Institute, Ludgate Circus, E.C., not content with providing the well-appointed chess room in which the London League contests are played, has now started a chess club of its own. The governors have noticed the great enthusiasm now existing in the Metropolis for the royal game, and are most anxious to make the Institute a rendezvous for chess in addition to the large number of enterprises which it caters for. Mr. Leslie Lock, chairman of the governing body, presided at the meeting, Mr. Jerrold Nathan presented some boards and sets of men, while the vicar, the Rev. A. Taylor, welcomed the addition of chess to the repertoire of the Institute.

The Kriegspiel tournament for the championship of the Gambit (3 Budge Row, London).—The preliminaries are now over and the three leaders in each section will play an American tournament for the prizes. The players who have qualified are :—

Section 2: L. W. Dodds, C. W. Hopper and E. T. Marshall.
Section 2: E. Coombs, E. W. Osler and E. H. Shaw. Section 3:
A. Felber, R. H. S. Stevenson and C. A. Thorogood.

The Imperial Chess Club have played 3 matches since our last issue, winning 2 and losing 1—their first defeat of the season. The return match *v.* The Bar, on February 26th, was a very enjoyable contest. W. A. Chase captained the team of barristers and acted as host; he secured the Common Room, Middle Temple Lane, for the encounter. Against the East London College, at Mile End Road, on March 5th, the visitors won by 5—3, but the Referee Club who were met at their headquarters, St. George's Restaurant, took the match at 9—7, their lower boards showing to great advantage.

The Premier Tournament at the Bromley Congress, will be a very cosmopolitan affair. In addition to the two Latvian players Mattison and Apscheneek, entries include Dr. Voellmy (Switzerland), Crepeaux (France), Marin (Spain), Hromadka and Skalicka (Czecho-Slovakia).

The Congress will be held at Bromley Hill Court (not in the Town Hall as previously stated) where a fine room has been placed at the disposal of the Committee.

The late Antony Guest will be sadly missed at the Imperial Chess Club. When Mrs. Arthur Rawson commenced the formation of what is now the largest West End Chess Club, no one rendered greater assistance than Guest. He persuaded many good players to join, including the redoubtable C. D. Locock, and attended all the early functions of the new venture. He was an honorary member to the last.

Our valued supporter, Mr. Henry M. Paulet, who is now in greatly improved health, informs us that a new club has been founded at

Jersey, which he has joined, and which shows every sign of becoming a successful institution.

An additional attraction to the boys' congress which commences at Hastings on April 20th, will be the match between Miss Price (British lady chess champion) and Miss Menchik, the strong Russian girl player.

Five games will be contested (draws to count) and if the score is then equal further games may take place till one of the players is one point ahead. 24 moves an hour will be the time-limit.

Mr. Nicholson informs us that his picture of the chess masters of the last century has been in such demand that he has made arrangements with his photographer to prepare a number of copies in two sizes. The larger ones will be 30/-, plus 2/6 for packing and carriage, and the smaller (12" × 20") for 15/- plus carriage as before. Miniatures 6d. each.

The picture, suitably framed, would make a nice tournament prize. The photo of Capt. Mackenzie was taken from the collection of the late W. Timbrell Pierce, the problemist and analyst, while that of Kostich was a snapshot by an amateur during one of his displays in rural Kent.

Anyone who wants a copy or any further details should write to E. Nicholson, 10 Bank Street, Inverness.

The chess editor of the *Morning Post*, who succeeds the late Antony Guest, is Alfred Emery. The new editor has had a surprisingly wide experience of all kinds of journalism, and—when he had time for it—was a fine chessplayer. As far back as 1895 he beat H. W. Shoomsmith for the championship of Brighton.

The first "Social Chess" Week End at the Craigside Hydro, Llandudno, was a great success. A double-round tournament was held, with the following result: 1st, C. G. Caldicott, 6½; 2nd, Arthur Firth, 5; 3rd, Dr. Drinkwater; 4th, Sir Leonard Rowland; 5th, G. F. Wynne.

It is satisfactory to notice that many leading hotels now include Chess in the list of their attractions.

The Victoria Family Hotel at beautiful Buttermere are setting out to make this lovely spot a chess players' rendezvous; and we cannot imagine a more delightful place than the Lake District for chess friends to foregather.

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4 J. H. Blake	O	I	O	—	$\frac{1}{2}$	O	O	O	I	O	I	I	I	I	O	8 $\frac{1}{2}$
5 H. Jacobs	O	I	O	$\frac{1}{2}$	—	O	O	I	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	I	O	I	I	I	7 $\frac{1}{2}$
6 H. B. Uber	O	O	I	O	I	—	$\frac{1}{2}$	O	O	I	O	I	O	I	I	7 $\frac{1}{2}$
7 F. F. L. Alexander	O	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	O	I	$\frac{1}{2}$	—	I	O	I	I	$\frac{1}{2}$	O	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	7
8 J. M. Bee	O	O	I	I	O	I	O	—	I	O	I	O	I	O	I	7
9 V. Buerger	$\frac{1}{2}$	O	$\frac{1}{2}$	O	$\frac{1}{2}$	I	I	O	—	I	O	I	O	I	$\frac{1}{2}$	7
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11 E. Macdonald	O	$\frac{1}{2}$	O	O	O	I	O	O	O	I	—	I	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	I	5 $\frac{1}{2}$
12 J. P. Savage	O	O	O	O	O	I	O	$\frac{1}{2}$	I	$\frac{1}{2}$	O	—	O	O	O	5
13 H. Saunders	O	I	O	O	O	O	I	O	I	$\frac{1}{2}$	I	$\frac{1}{2}$	—	O	I	4 $\frac{1}{2}$
14 V. L. Wahltsch	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	$\frac{1}{2}$	I	O	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	I	I	O	4 $\frac{1}{2}$
15 P. W. Sergeant	O	O	O	I	O	O	$\frac{1}{2}$	O	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	O	O	O	I	—	3 $\frac{1}{2}$

16 and 17—Dr. S. F. Smith and R. C. J. Walker scratched.

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PRZEPIORKA'S END-GAME.

We have received eight solutions to this end-game, which was published on p. 129 of our March issue. They came from A. R. Chamberlain (Birmingham C.C.), D. R. White (Enfield), J. Neale (Southborough), T. A. Thornton (Stoke-on-Trent), E. A. Vasey and J. J. J. Ellison (Shrewsbury), D. M. MacIsaac (Glasgow) and "A.A."

Of these only Mr. MacIsaac's solution was correct. He also gave correctly the analysis which upsets the solutions sent in by the other seven.

We keep back the answer to the Polish master's puzzle for another month, so as to give our subscribers abroad a chance of attempting to find it—and also to give erring solvers a chance to climb down!

The position was: White: King on Q R 2, Rook on Q B 1, Knight on K R 5, Pawns on Q R 4, Q B 4. Black: King on K R 2, Queen on K Kt 8, Pawns on K B 2, K R 2. White to play and win.

NEWS FROM THE DOMINIONS AND FOREIGN LANDS.

New Zealand.—The result of the thirty-fourth N.Z. congress at Nelson reached us just too late for insertion in our last issue. This was a victory for a newcomer, Cecil J. S. Purdy, who hails from Sydney, N.S.W., and at the time of the tournament was only seventeen years and nine months old.

There being sixteen competitors, the play was in two sections, from each of which five went forward to the final. Purdy's score was 7, or, including the preliminary play, 10 points. He lost to Moir only, and drew with Anderson and Vaughan. Second and third prizes went to A. W. Gyles and F. H. Vaughan, equal $5\frac{1}{2}$ ($8\frac{1}{2}$) each; and fourth to G. P. Anderson, 5 ($6\frac{1}{2}$). The remaining finalists were J. A. Moir, $4\frac{1}{2}$ ($7\frac{1}{2}$); G. F. Dodds and E. A. Hicks, 4 (7); F. K. Kelling, $3\frac{1}{2}$ ($5\frac{1}{2}$); G. Cole, 3 (6); and E. H. Severne, 3 ($5\frac{1}{2}$).

The eliminated players were F. M. Dodds, F. Bullock, W. J. Fairburn, B. W. Stenhouse, E. E. Hicks and Dirk Pihl; and of these Dodds *junior*—he is the son of G.F.—won the consolation prize for those who did not get through the preliminary.

Purdy is the third Australian to win the N.Z. championship, his predecessors being W. S. Viner in 1906-7 and S. Crackanthorp last year. In 1924 Purdy came out fourth in the N.S.W. championship, when he drew games with both Crackanthorp and A. E. N. Wallace.

Of the other prize-winners Vaughan is from Auckland, and Gyles and Anderson are from Wellington. The prizes were £20, £10, £5 and £3 3s.—the last being generously added by Mr. Pihl to the original three.

We are indebted, as usual, to Mr. Kelling for full details about the congress, from which we have taken the above information.

We note that the ex-champion, J. B. Dunlop, was at the last moment prevented from entering, being unable to reach Nelson in time.

After adjudication of all unfinished games, the inter-club telegraphic championship of N.Z. has gone to Wellington, who won all their 4 matches, Auckland scored 3, Otago 2, Canterbury 1, and Nelson 0.

South Africa.—Kostich followed up his blindfold performance (6 games, 6 wins) at Capetown with 3 ordinary simultaneous exhibitions, in which he played 80 games, winning 56, drawing 21, and losing 3; a series of 4 consultation games, of which he won 3 and drew 1; and 2 match-games with A. J. A. Cameron, winning both. With these displays and others in different parts of the Union, he brought his simultaneous record up to 411 wins, 66 draws, 8 losses; and his blindfold record to 53 wins, 1 draw, 0 losses, which is certainly an excellent performance.

While at Johannesburg Kostich played 120 games in all with Dr. Max Blieden, winning 80, drawing 15, and losing 25.

From South Africa the Jugoslavian master went on to Mombasa and Nairobi.

On "Dingaan's Day," Johannesburg visited Pretoria, and a draw of 9-9 resulted, On board 1 F. W. Dunbar (Pretoria) beat Dr. Blieden.

Kenya.—Boris Kostich, newly arrived from South Africa, *via* Mombasa, gave a simultaneous performance against 23 players at the City Club, Nairobi, on January 29th, winning 22 games and drawing 1 (with Spencer Palmer). On the 31st he played blindfold against 6 of the leading Indian players, at the Railway Indian Institute, winning 5 games and losing 1 (to Kishori Lab); and on February 3rd he engaged 26 players simultaneously, again at the City Club, scoring 21 wins, 4 draws (with Spencer Palmer and 3 ladies), and 1 loss (to Katzler).

The two losses, it appears, were both due to accident—the blindfold one to mistaking the opponent's last move, and the other to mistaking a Pawn, on a small board, for a Queen.

Later news, through *The East African Standard*, tells of several more exhibitions, and finally, on February 8th, a game between Kostich and A. G. Spencer Palmer, sitting respectively North and South of the Equator, with the board exactly on "the line," at a spot about 16 miles distant from Mount Kenya. The Northern Hemisphere won.

Canada.—Maroczy has been here on a short tour.

France.—The extent of the chess revival in this country may be gauged by the fact the Fédération Française des Echecs has now 36 affiliated clubs (the three largest being the Palais-Royal, 254, and Cercle Philidor, 208, in Paris; and Nice, 185), and 1,983 members, of whom 193 are unattached to any club. The Federation's *Bulletin* has reached its thirteenth number, and has become a regular magazine, with notes, news, games, studies and problems.

The *Bulletin* points out the advantage which Paris now enjoys in having three such masters as Alekhine, Tartakover and Znosko-Borovsky in residence, making the city a chess-centre of the first rank.

This year's national championship will probably be played for in Nice next September.

The inter-club competition, for the challenge cup presented by M. L. Tauber, began in February with the following clubs competing: Palais-Royal, Fou du Roi, Cercle de la Rive Gauche, Académie Ludo and Echiquier Notre Dame.

We see from *La Stratégie* that at Alekhine's recent world's-record blindfold performance it was allowed to the players at the various

boards to get others to relieve them of their duties, so that only on Alekhine himself fell the strain of playing without a rest.

M. Duchamp, of Rouen, has won the regional championship of Upper Normandy, played at Rouen. The tourney was a double-round one of 4 players, and the winner's score was $5\frac{1}{2}$.

A chess club has recently been organised at Cannes, meeting at the Café des Allées.

The double-round tournament at the Palais Royal ended as follows: Alekhine, $5\frac{1}{2}$; Tartakover, $4\frac{1}{2}$; Znosko-Borovsky and Opocenski, 4; Colle, 1.

Germany.—The prizes in the Baden-Baden masters' tournament will be 1,500, 1,000, 700, 500 and 300 marks respectively, with 20 marks for each win and 10 marks for each draw by non-prize winners. All competitors will receive the usual expenses.

Play is due to begin on the 16th inst. It seems likely that this tournament will considerably weaken the entry for the Kent Congress at Bromley, having attracted away Tartakover and Yates (who both were originally expected at Bromley), Sir George Thomas and several other possible entries.

On May 23rd another international tournament begins at Marienbad, under the management of I. Gunsberg. Both Sir George Thomas and F. D. Yates have been invited and have accepted. It is pleasantly like old times to see two English masters in two big international tournaments in succession.

Spielmann, on a German tour in February, played 743 games, winning 658, drawing 10 and losing 75.

H. Wagner won the Hamburg championship with a score of 15 out of 17. For the Munich championship Gebhard and Kraussold tied with 8 out of 11, the tie match being won by Gebhard.

Switzerland.—Alekhine and A. Aurbach, from Paris, took part in a small double-round tourney in Berne with Dr. Naegeli and Dr. Michel. The final scores were: Alekhine, 4; Aurbach, $3\frac{1}{2}$; Naegeli, $2\frac{1}{2}$; Michel, 2. The last-named had the satisfaction of inflicting on the Russian master his only defeat.

Hungary.—Z. Balla won a short match against A. Steiner at Budapest, scoring 2—1, with 1 draw.

Czecho-Slovakia.—A tournament at Prague in memory of the late F. Kautsky was won by J. Schulz, who scored 8 points in 11 games. K. Treybal and Grössl came next, with $6\frac{1}{2}$ each.

Italy.—This year's national congress will be held at Bologna in September.

Spain.—A double-round tournament of 7 players for the championship of Saragossa was won by P. Fernandez, with a score of 8.

Sweden.—Spielmann's match with Allan Nilsson at Göteborg ended in his favour by 3—1, with a draw.

United States.—The telegraphic match on February 22nd between San Francisco and Los Angeles was won by the former, 6½—5½. On the top boards E. W. Gruer drew with H. Borochow, A. J. Fink beat W. A. Ruth, and Dr. W. R. Lovegrove lost to S. Mlotkowski. All games were played to a finish this year.

In the championship tournament of the Manhattan C.C., A. Kupchik emerged the winner, with 7 points in 9 games. M. A. Schapiro (6½) was second, and the new star, C. Torre (6), no higher than third.

The position between the various American universities at chess has settled itself in a curious way—if it has indeed finally settled itself yet. Havard, Yale and Princeton having retired from the "C.H.Y.P." League in disgust, Columbia, the League's champion for the last ten years, prepared to meet New York University, the Inter-collegiate League champions. But only part of the N.Y.U. team turned up on the appointed day, and so Columbia secured the U.S. university championship by default.

In the meanwhile Harvard, Yale, and Princeton have formed a new league with West Point, the contests to be conducted in the same lines as the "C.H.Y.P." League, except that only undergraduates will be eligible for play for their universities. This was the rock on which the "C.H.Y.P." was wrecked.

The Rochester C.C., the largest chess club in New York State outside New York itself, has elected Lee P. Clarke president and A. H. Candee and H. P. Sutton secretaries.

Iceland.—We are glad to hear again from a subscriber in the Far North, and have pleasure in giving the score of a game won by him at Akureyri in January last.

GAME No. 5,374.

Pierce Gambit.

WHITE		BLACK		WHITE		BLACK	
STEFAN OLAFSSON	H. GUDMUNDSSON			STEFAN OLAFSSON		G. GUDMUNDSSON	
1 P—K 4		1 P—K 4		12 K—R 1		12 B—R 6	
2 Kt—Q B 3		2 Kt—Q B 3		13 Q—K 2 ch		13 Kt—K 2	
3 P—B 4		3 P×P		14 P×P		14 R—Q 1	
4 Kt—B 3		4 P—Kt 4		15 Q B×P		15 B×R	
5 P—Q 4		5 P—Kt 5		16 R×B		16 Q—Kt 3	
6 B—B 4		6 P×Kt		17 Kt—Q 5		17 B—B 4	
7 Castles		7 P—Q 4		18 Kt×P ch		18 K—B 1	
8 K P×P		8 B—Kt 2 ?		19 B—R 6 ch		19 K—Kt 1	
..... B—K Kt 5 is the accepted				20 Q—Kt 4 !		20 Kt—B 4	
move.				21 B×P ch		21 K×B	
9 P×Kt		9 B×P ch		22 R×Kt ch and mate follows speedily			
10 K—R 1		10 P×P ch					
11 K×P		11 Q—Kt 4 ch					

A smart little game.

THE BRITISH CORRESPONDENCE CHESS ASSOCIATION.

All communications respecting these pages should be addressed to Mr. H. E. Matthews, 37 Anson Street, Monton, Eccles, Manchester. New members will be welcomed at any time and games can always be arranged for them at short notice.

The completion of the arrangements for our match against the *Chess Amateur* have been delayed owing to illness compelling Mr. Sheppard to resign the match captaincy. Mr. P. Wilson has, however, kindly come to the rescue and the match will start during the present month.

Additional results in the Trophies Tourney are given below. Starting next month we hope to print the complete results to date in each section from time to time. If the players competing will enter the results subsequently published, they will be able to ascertain at any time how they are faring in the competition.

Class 1b: J. D. Chambers 1, E. Parsons 0; W. M. Bussell 1, H. W. Shardlow 0; W. M. Bussell $\frac{1}{2}$, K. G. Jayne $\frac{1}{2}$; H. W. Shardlow 1, E. Parsons 0; H. J. H. Cope 1, E. Parsons 0. Class 2a: W. I. Ditcham 1, G. P. Kitchener 0. Class 2b: W. C. Wallis 1, E. Toledano 0; H. S. Shelton 1, E. Toledano 0; F. Ward $\frac{1}{2}$, H. A. Clarke $\frac{1}{2}$; E. Toledano 1, F. Ward 0. Class 3a: A. E. Hays has retired, score cancelled. W. J. Gurney 1, E. E. Goodwin 0; A. Lesser 1, W. J. Gurney 0. Class 3b: P. Armitage 1, H. C. Godfrey 0; A. S. Vosper retires, games scored to opponents; Rev. A. H. Brayne 1, W. H. Haydon 0. Class 3c: C. H. Jago 1, R. Hopkins 0; A. F. Anderton 1, E. Behrndt 0. A. F. Anderton 1, C. H. Jago 0; A. F. Anderton 1, A. R. Coole 0. A. F. Anderton 1, W. L. Wakefield 0 (by default); R. Hopkins 1, W. L. Wakefield 0 (by default); N. Ovington 1, W. L. Wakefield 0 (by default). Class 4b: R. C. Day $\frac{1}{2}$, F. S. Marsden $\frac{1}{2}$; L. C. Seymour $\frac{1}{2}$, R. C. Day $\frac{1}{2}$; Miss Roper 1, T. N. Fisher 0; S. H. Withey retired, score cancelled; L. C. Seymour 1, Miss Roper 0. Class 5a: P. Rocks 1, A. A. Kennedy 0; E. S. Davis 1, C. S. Burton 0; C. S. Burton 1, R. G. Somerville 0; P. Rocks 1, R. G. Somerville 0. Class 5b: Miss J. H. White 1, J. C. Derlien 0; Miss J. H. White 1, J. A. Stanton 0.

Results in the preliminary sections of the knock-out tourney are coming to hand quickly, and a further batch is published below. Games in the first round proper are being arranged without delay. There have been one or two surprising results, and already the tourney has confirmed a view that we have long held, that there is not a great difference in strength between the first two classes, if we except the very strongest players.

First Medal Tourney: Section D.: W. M. Bussell beat A. Lesser. Section F: F. A. Richardson beat H. C. Godfrey; D. Hume beat F. A. Richardson. Section B: V. H. Rutherford beat R. N. Murray;

J. L. Rynders beat R. N. Murray. Section E : J. Joyce beat H. Maden. Section A : W. L. Wakefield retires.

Second Medal Tourney.—Section A : R. G. Somerville beat W. H. Haydon, junr. ; H. J. H. Cope beat W. H. Haydon, junr. Section B : E. E. Goodwin beat E. E. Ward and R. W. Houghton. Section G : J. W. Wood beat W. E. Evill. Section F : T. Palmer beat H. Bardsley. Section I : A. F. Anderton beat A. J. Windeybank and E. Fairclough. Section C : A. R. Coole beat W. H. Laslett. Section D : W. C. Wallis beat W. Lambert ; W. C. Wallis and P. Wilson, draw. Section G : W. E. Evill beat E. Behrndt.

First Round Proper games are in progress as follows :—

First tourney, Gold.—Section A : 1, E. Bodkin ; 2, W. M. Bussell ; 3, N. Ovington.

Second tourney, Gold.—Section A : 1, E. E. Goodwin ; 2, J. W. Wood ; 3, A. F. Anderton.

Second tourney, Silver.—Section A : 1, W. Lambert ; 2, A. R. Coole ; 3, Rev. W. E. Evill.

Second tourney, Bronze.—Section A : 1, W. H. Haydon junr. ; 2, P. Wilson ; 3, W. H. Laslett.

REVIEW.

The chess public owe a debt of gratitude to Messrs. Geo. Bell & Sons for the splendid series of chess books they have lately produced by famous authors : Capablanca's *Chess Fundamentals*, Reti's *Modern Ideas in Chess*, etc. The latest edition to this series is *The Elements of Chess*, by J. du Mont, the author of *Chess Openings Illustrated*, as well known as a master of the piano as of chess. The present volume is a book of 160 pages, and as its title indicates, gives all the information that is necessary for the beginner ; it is well illustrated with diagrams, and the specimen games are lucidly explained. The chapter on elementary mates is an excellent thought, the beginner is so often puzzled by the many counsels given by his or her tutor, that the object of the game, to mate one's opponent's King, has a tendency to be forgotten ! And many a beginner is unaware that he cannot do so with two Knights alone. In connection with the chapter on "Queening a Pawn," diagram 69, from the following chapter might have been included there. The smothered mate, No. XVIII, of Chapter VI, is credited wrongly to me. I have often told how, as a boy at school, I was caught in a trap set by Black's fourth move, and stated that had I known the counter trap at the time felt sure my opponent would have fallen into it, but alas I only learned it later. The chapters on the characteristics of each unit should be of much value to the young student.

The price of the book is 7/6, not too much perhaps for so handsome a volume, but our experience is that the majority of chess players are not of the leisured or moneyed classes, and we hope a cheaper edition may later be put on the market, for so useful a book should be in the hands of all young players.

R.C.G.

GAME DEPARTMENT.

GAME No. 5,375.

Played in a recent Tournament at Paris. Notes by E. Znosko-Borovsky.

Alekhine's Defence.

- | WHITE | BLACK |
|--------------------|------------|
| E. ZNOSKO-BOROVSKY | M. RATNER |
| 1 P—K 4 | 1 Kt—K B 3 |
| 2 P—K 5 | 2 Kt—Q 4 |
| 3 P—Q B 4 | 3 Kt—Kt 3 |
| 4 P—Q 4 | 4 P—Q 3 |
| 5 P×P | 5 K P×P |
| 6 Q Kt—B 3 | 6 B—K 2 |
| 7 B—Q 3 | 7 Castles |
| 8 K Kt—K 2 | 8 Kt—B 3 |
| 9 P—K R 3 | 9 B—B 3 |
| 10 B—Kt 1 | 10 P—Kt 3 |
- The Q B P cannot be taken because of 11 Q—Q 3.
- | | |
|-------------|------------|
| 11 P—Q Kt 3 | 11 R—K 1 |
| 12 Castles | 12 P—Q R 4 |
| 13 P—Q R 4 | 13 Kt—Kt 5 |
| 14 P—B 4 | |

Now it is evident White will attack on the King's wing, Black on the Queen's.

14 P—Q 4

.....Black could also play ..P—B 4 because White could not answer 15 P—Q 5 on account of ..R×Kt; but White could play P—B 5, or Kt—K 4, or B—Kt 2.

15 P—Q B 5

The threats of Black are evident, but White cannot afford to lose time, and must play for attack.

16 P—B 5	15 Kt—Q 2
17 P×P	16 P—B 3
18 K—R 1	17 B P×P
	18 P—Kt 3

.....Now White's Pawns become very weak and he must spend many moves in defending them.

19 P×P

Otherwise Black takes and gets a passed Queen's Pawn.

20 R—B 3	19 Q×P
21 B—K 3	20 B—R 3
22 B—K B 2	21 R—K 2
	22 B×Kt

.....A bad move; Black exchanges a good Bishop against a weak Knight. 22..., Q R—K 1 was far better.

23 Kt×B	23 Q R—K 1
24 Kt—B 4	

White could play also 23 Kt—Kt 3, but it seems to give fewer chances for attack.

25 B—Q 3	24 B—Kt 4
26 B—Kt 3	25 Q—B 2
27 B—B 2	26 Q—R 2

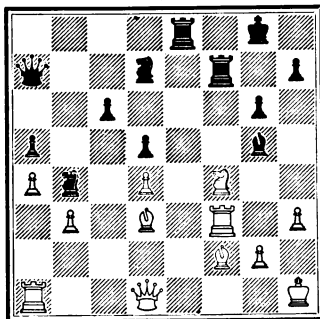
Hereabouts both players were much pressed for time.

27 R—B 2

.....A very interesting position. White's Pawns are weak but he has two Bishops, and possibilities of a King's side attack.

Position after 27..., R—B 2.

BLACK (RATNER)



WHITE (ZNOSKO-BOROVSKY)

28 Kt×Kt P!

A nice move; the Knight sacrifice is not obvious.

28 P×Kt

.....If 28..., Kt×B, then 29 Q×Kt, R×R; 30 P×R, and Black cannot take the Knight because of 31 Q×P ch and 32 Q×B.

29 B×P 29 R×R

.....Forced!

30 Q×R 30 R—K 2

.....The only move. If 30..., R—K B 1, then 31 Q—R 5, R×B; 32 Q—R 7 ch, K—B 1; 33 R—K 1 and wins.

31 R—K B 1!

A very strong move. Against Q—Kt 4 or Q—R 5 Black could defend himself, but now his position is very difficult.

31 R—Kt 2

.....Not the best move, but it is very difficult to find a satisfactory one. If 31..., Q—R 3 then 32 R—K 1, R×R ch; 32 B×R and wins. If 31..., Q—Kt 1, then 32 B—Kt 3 (32 B—K 3, B×B; 33 B—B 7 ch, K—B 1; 34 Q—R 5, B—B 5), Q—K B 1; 33 B—B 5, and Black's position is very dangerous.

32 B—K 3! 32 B—B 3

.....If ..., B×B, then 33 Q×B, R×B (Kt—B 1; 34 R×Kt ch and 35 Q—K 8 mate; or 33..., Q—Kt 1; 34 Q—K 6 ch,

K—R 1; 35 R—B 5); 34 Q—K 8 ch, K—R 2; 35 R—B 7 ch, R—Kt 2; 36 R—B 8 and wins. If 32..., R×B, then 33 Q—B 7 ch, K—R 1; 34 Q×R, B×B; 35 R—B 7.

33 B—K 8

Threatening to win a piece.

33 Kt—B 7

34 B—R 6 34 Kt×P

35 Q—K 3

Or White could play 35 Q—R 5.

35 R—K 2

36 Q—Kt 3 ch 36 K—R 1

.....If ..., B—Kt 2, then 37 B×B, R×B (... Kt—K 7; 38 Q—Kt 5, but not 38 Q—Kt 6 because of ..., Kt—B 5!); 38 B—B 7 ch, K—B 1; 39 Q—Q 6 mate.

37 B×Kt 37 Q×B

38 R×B

Now White has regained his piece, and having an attack with two passed Pawns, his game must be won.

38 Kt—B 4

.....This loses at once, but there is no defence against the alternative threats of R—B 8 ch, or Q—Q Kt 8 ch, or Q—R 4.

39 R—B 8 ch 39 K—R 2

40 Q—Kt 8 ch 40 K×B

41 R—B 6 ch 41 K—R 4

42 Q—Kt 4 and mate.

GAME No. 5,376.

Played in a Gambit Tournament at the Norfolk and Norwich Chess Club. Notes by J. H. Blake.

Muzio Gambit.

WHITE		BLACK		5 Castles	5 P×Kt
H. P. COULTON		W. S. DAWS		6 Q×P	6 Q—B 3
1 P—K 4		1 P—K 4		7 P—K 5	7 Q×P
2 P—K B 4		2 P×P		8 P—Q 3	8 B—R 3
3 Kt—K B 3		3 P—K Kt 4		9 B—Q 2	9 Kt—K 2
4 B—B 4		4 P—Kt 5		10 Kt—B 3	10 P—Q B 3

.....A little-used move at this point. The *Handbuch*, giving four main variations and several notes arising from it, is able to attribute only one of them to an actually played game! 10... Kt-B3 is usual.

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| 11 Q-R-K1 | 11 Q-B4 ch |
| 12 K-R1 | 12 P-Q4 |
| 13 Q-R5 | 13 Q-Q3 |
| 14 Kt-K4 | |

14 B×Q P is pronounced stronger by all authorities. The text-move was given by Walker, 1841, but he admitted it to be inferior to the capture.

14 Q-Kt3

.....If 14... P×Kt; 15 B×P ch, K-Q1; 16 B-B3, R-B1; 17 B×P and the attack is terrific. Next move, however, the capture becomes absolutely necessary.

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| 15 Q-K5 | 15 P×Kt |
| 16 R×K P | |

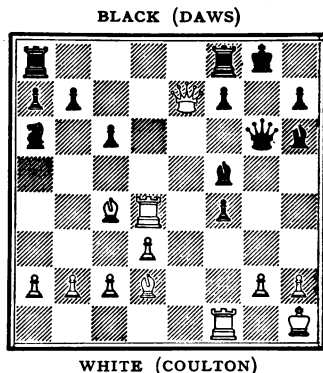
For if 16 Q×R ch, Q-Kt1; 17 Q-K5, P-K6; 18 B-Kt4, Q-Kt4, and Black can hold the game together.

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| | 16 Castles |
| 17 Q×Kt | 17 B-B4 |

.....17... B-Kt4, to drive off the Queen, is the indispensable course here. If 18 Q-Kt4, then ... P-QR4; if 18 Q-K5 or Q-B5, then ... Kt-Q2 followed by ... Kt-B3.

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| 18 R-Q4 | 18 Kt-R3 |
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Position after 18... Kt-R3.



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| 19 R-Q6 | 19 Q-Kt4 |
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.....19... B-K3 is better; it drives White to seek compensation in Pawns for his piece, but unfortunately he is likely to get enough.

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| 20 R-B6 | 20 Q-R-K1 |
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.....20... B-Kt3 leads to disaster by 21 Q-B×P, Q-R4, 22 R×B ch, Q or P×R, 23 B×B, Q×B, 24 R×P and wins. 20... B-Kt2, 21 B×P ch, K-R1, 22 B-B3, P-R3, yields a better chance of holding out.

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| 21 B×P ch | 21 K-R1 |
| 22 B-B3 | 22 R×Q |

.....Now 22... B-Kt2 would not save him; e.g., 22... B-Kt2; 23 B×R, R×R; 24 B×R, Q×B; 25 Q×Q, B×Q; 26 R×P and wins.

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| 23 R-Kt6 ch | 23 Resigns |
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GAME No. 5,377.

Played in the Championship Tournament of the London University Chess Club. Notes by J.H.B.

Alekhine's Defence.

- | WHITE | BLACK |
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| R. F. GOLDSTEIN | N. F. MACLAGAN |
| 1 P-K4 | 1 Kt-KB3 |
| 2 P-K5 | 2 Kt-Q4 |
| 3 Kt-QB3 | |

Further Knight-chasing Pawn moves are steadily losing favour.

3 Kt-Kt3

.....3... P-K3 is approved by Dr. Tartakover; the text-move loses a development tempo

(which, however, White gives back). In the tournament at Győr there occurred (Nagy v. Vukovics) 3... P-K 3; 4 Kt×Kt, P×Kt; 5 Q-B 3, P-Q B 3; 6 Q-K Kt 3, P-Q 3; 7 P-K B 4, B-B 4; 8 P-B 3, Kt-Q 2; 9 P-Q 4 and as White gets a good game his Queen's sally seems to be justified; but there is another point of view, which is that a player who elected at Black's fifth move to give up the Pawn for the sake of development might not improbably obtain a fine attack before the White Queen got back to a comfortable position.

4 P-Q 4	4 P-Q 3
5 P-B 4	5 P×P

.....Premature, and giving White a freer game than he need be allowed, whilst cramping his own. Much better was 5... Q Kt-Q 2; if 6 Kt-B 3 then 6... P-K 3 with .., P-Q B 4 to follow.

6 B P×P	6 Kt-B 3
7 B-Q Kt 5?	7 B-Q 2

.....He should have challenged the Bishop by 7... P-Q R 3, compelling an exchange; he could afterwards undouble the Pawns by .., P-Q B 4.

8 Kt-B 3	8 P-Q R 3
9 B-K 2	9 B-Kt 5

.....9... B-B 4 strengthens his King's side against the absence of a Knight.

10 B-K 3	10 P-K 3
11 Kt-K 4	11 Q-Q 2

.....If 11... Kt-Q 4; 12 B-K Kt 5, B-K 2 (P-B 3; 13 P×P, P×P; 14 Kt-K 5!); 13 P-B 3, P-K R 3; 14 B×B and Black has a poor game. But Castling on the Queen's side is a disastrous error; he should play 11... P-R 3 and 12... Kt-Q 4, and try patiently to release the block of his Q B P.

12 P-B 3	12 Castles?
13 Q-B 2	13 K-Kt 1

.....This square should be reserved for the Knight.

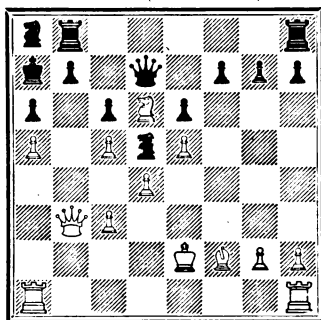
14 P-Kt 4	14 Kt-K 2
15 Kt-B 5	15 Q-B 1
16 P-Q R 4	16 Q Kt-Q 4
17 B-B 2	17 Kt-R 1
18 Q-Kt 3	18 K-R 2
19 P-R 5	19 K B×Kt
20 Kt P×B	20 P-Q B 3

.....White threatens to push forward successively the rear Q B P, the Q P, and then the doubled Q B P, discovering check; hence the necessity for this weakening move.

21 Kt-Kt 5	21 B×B
22 K×B	22 Q R-B 1
23 Kt-K 4	23 Q-Q 2
34 Kt-Q 6	24 R-Q Kt 1

Position after 24... R-Q Kt 1.

BLACK (MACLAGAN)



WHITE (GOLDSTEIN)

25 R-R 2

The game can now be won by more than one method; that chosen is however the shortest and most elegant.

25 R-R 2	25 Kt (Q 4)-B 2
26 K R-R 1	26 Kt-K 1

.....If 26... Kt-Kt 4; 27 P-B 4, Kt×Kt; 28 B P×Kt, P-Q Kt 4; 29 P×P *e.p.* ch, K-Kt 2; 30 R×P and White wins easily.

27 Q-Kt 6 ch!	27 Kt×Q
28 R P×Kt ch	28 K-R 1
29 R×P ch	29 P×R
30 R×P ch	

And mates next move.

Two Games from the Tournament at Buenos Aires (see p. 23).
Notes by J.H.B.

GAME No. 5,378.

Queen's Pawn Opening.

WHITE	BLACK
R. ILLA	R. GRAU
1 P—Q 4	1 Kt—K B 3
2 P—K 3	2 P—Q 4
3 B—Q 3	3 P—B 4
4 P—Q B 3	

An indication that White intends to play "Stonewall."

5 Q Kt—Q 2	4 Kt—B 3	5 P—K 3
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.....5... B—Kt 5 would compel White to modify his plans, by foregoing either the distinctive "Stonewall" move of P—K B 4, or the intention to play Q—K B 3, usually regarded by "Stonewallers" as desirable if not essential.

6 P—K B 4	6 B—K 2
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.....Rubinstein's line here is to play ... B—Q 3 followed by ... Q—B 2 ... B—Q 2 and ... Castles Q R.

7 Kt—R 3	7 P—Q R 3
8 Q—B 3	8 P—Q Kt 4
9 Castles	9 Q—Kt 3
10 Kt—B 2	10 B—Kt 2
11 P—K Kt 4	

Altogether premature until Black has shown his hand. 11 K—R 1 or Q—R 3 would be suitable.

12 P—Kt 5	11 P—K R 4	12 Kt—Kt 5
13 Kt×Kt		

Exposing himself to the full force of the counter attack. He has one alternative in 13 Kt—Q 1 (threatening 14 P—K R 3); but then Black can play 13... P×P; 14 B P×P, P—K 4; 15 B P×P, Kt×Q P; 16 P×Kt (best), Q×P ch; 17 Kt—B 2, Q×K P; 18 Q—Kt 3, Q×Q ch; 19 P×Q, B×P; 20 Kt—R 3, B—K B 3, with the better game. This variation is from the notes of the

winner. The inference seems to be that White should have played simple 13 P—K R 3, a tame but fairly safe course.

14 Q×P	13 P×Kt
15 K P×P	14 P×P
16 K—R 1	15 Kt×P!
17 Kt—B 3	16 Kt—B 3
	17 P—Kt 3

.....White must not be allowed to get an attack by 18 P—B 5.

18 Kt—K 5

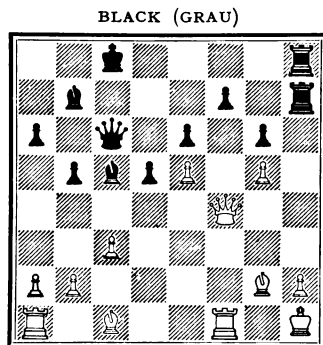
White is too undeveloped and his King too exposed to admit of indulging in sacrificing tactics by 18 B×P, P×B; 19 Q×P, P—Q 5!

19 P×Kt	18 Kt×Kt
20 Q—Q 4	19 R—R 2

Loss of time. There is nothing better than 20 B—Q 2 and 21 Q R—K 1.

21 Q—K B 4	20 B—B 4
22 B—K 2	21 Q—B 3
23 B—B 3	22 Castles
24 B—Kt 2	23 Q R—R 1

Position after 24 B—Kt 2.



WHITE (ILLA)

24 R—R 6

.....Senor Grau points out that he could have continued with 24... P—Q 5; 25 B×Q, B×B ch; 26 R—B 3 (26 K—Kt 1, R×P; 27 Q×R, P×P ch; 28 R—B 2, B×R ch; 29 K×B, R×Q and wins), R×P ch; 27 Q×R, B×R ch; 28 K—Kt 1, P—Q 6 ch and wins. But if White replies to 24... P—Q 5 with the merely obstructive move of 25 R—B 3 Black has still to play 25... R—R 6, so that there would have been only a transposition of moves.

25 R—B 3

If 25 B×R, P—Q 5 ch; 26 R—B 3, R×B and wins.

25 P—Q 5
26 R—B 2 26 Q—Kt 3

.....26... Q R—R 5 is hardly good enough on account of 27 Q×R and 28 B×Q. After the text-move White has nothing left.

27 P—Kt 4 27 Q R—R 5
28 P×B 28 R×Q
29 R×R

If 29 P×Q, R×R wins easily.

29 Q×P
30 P×P 30 Q—B 6
31 Resigns

GAME No. 5,379.

Queen's Gambit Declined.

WHITE
L. BELGRANO

BLACK
R. GRAU

1 P—Q 4 1 Kt—K B 3
2 Kt—K B 3 2 P—K 3
3 P—B 4 3 P—Q 4
4 B—Kt 5 4 Q Kt—Q 2

.....White's last move is premature, and Black should play 4... P—K R 3; 5 B—R 4, P×P; 6 P—K 3, P—Q Kt 4; 7 P—R 4, P—B 3; 8 B—K 2, B—Kt 5 ch, maintaining the Pawn, as in Rubinstein v. Duras, San Sebastian, 1911.

5 P—K 3 5 P—B 3
6 Q Kt—Q 2

Partly perhaps to avoid the Cambridge Springs defence; partly on the supposition that Black is likely to play presently ... P×P, when the reply Kt×P enables him to get his Queen's Knight across to K 5, a plan of Grünfeld's.

6 B—K 2
7 B—Q 3 7 Castles
8 Castles 8 R—K 1

.....Black came afterwards to the conclusion that he should have played ... P—Q Kt 3 at this point.

9 Q—B 2

Providing Black with a means of relieving his cramped position (by the threat of 12... Kt—Q Kt 5). 9 Q—K 2 or 9 R—B 1 would be better.

9 P—K R 3
10 B—R 4 10 P×P
11 Kt×P

11 B×P would enable him to meet ... Kt—Q 4 with 12 B—K Kt 3, as ... Kt—Kt 5 would no longer be an inconvenient threat.

11 Kt—Q 4
12 B—R 7 ch 12 K—B 1
13 B×B 13 Q×B
14 Q Kt—K 5

14 K Kt—K 5 would be better, as he wants now to open his King's Bishop's file as quickly as possible.

14 Q—Q 3
15 B—Kt 6

Of very doubtful soundness; Black's last (declared by the winner to be the only safe line of defence) provides White an opportunity. He should play 15 P—K 4. Should Black reply 15... K Kt—B 3, then 16 Kt×K B P, K×Kt; 17 B—Kt 6 ch, K moves. 18 P—K 5, Q moves; 19 P×Kt and 20 B×R. If 15... Kt—Kt 5; 16 Q—Q 2 and now 16... Kt—B 3

can still be met by 17 Kt×K B P.
There remains 15.., Kt—B 5;
then 16 Kt—B 4, Q moves;
17 P—K 5, threatening 18 Kt—
Q 6.

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| 16 Q×Kt P | 15 P×B |
| 17 Kt×Kt | 16 Kt×Kt |
| 18 Q—R 7 | 17 Q—K 2 |
| 19 P—K 4 | 18 Q—B 3 |

Over hurrying his attack; the Knight at KB 5 helps Black's defence considerably. 19 Q R—K 1 followed by P—K B 4, P—K Kt 4, and P—Kt 5 is highly embarrassing to Black, and preserves the Queen's retreat; P—K 4 still comes in, but at White's chosen moment.

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| 20 K R—K 1 | 19 Kt—B 5 |
| | 20 K—K 2 |

.....Anticipating the White Rook's manoeuvre, and preparing to take advantage of the helpless position of the White Queen.

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| 21 R—K 3 | 21 B—Q 2 |
| 22 R—K B 3 | 22 R—R 1 |

(See Diagram)

- 23 Q×R

The conception is a fine one; but the fact that he had sacrificed a piece eight moves back makes it impossible to get enough material for the Queen, and the situation is only temporarily saved.

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| 24 R×Kt! | 23 R×Q |
| 25 R—B 7 ch | 24 Q—Kt 4 |
| 26 R×B ch | 25 K—Q 1 |
| 27 R—Q 1 | 26 K—B 1 |

Not 27 Kt—B 7 because of
... Q—Q 7.

- 27 R—B 1

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| 28 P—K Kt 3 | 28 Q—R 4 |
| 29 R—K 1 | |

29 R—Q 2 was better; Black could not then have forced an exchange of Rooks.

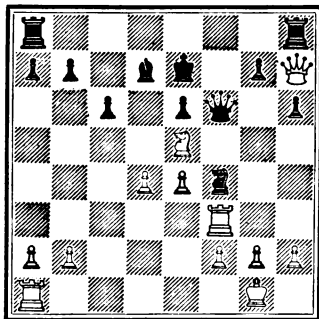
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| 30 P—K Kt 4 | 29 R—Q 1 |
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An immediate exchange followed by 31 P—B 4 would hold out longer; but White's moves hereabouts suggest that he is not of those who make a grim struggle in a losing battle.

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| 31 R×R ch | 30 Q—Kt 4 |
| 32 R—Q 1 | 31 Q×R |
| 33 P—Q 5? | 32 Q—Kt 3 |
| 34 Kt—B 4 | 33 Q×Kt P |
| 35 Kt—K 3 | 34 Q—K 7 |
| 36 P×P | 35 K P×P |
| 37 R×P | 36 P×P |
| 38 R—B 5 ch | 37 Q×R P |
| 39 R—Q 5 ch | 38 K—Q 2 |
| 40 Resigns | 39 K—B 3 |

Position after 22.., R—R 1.

BLACK (GRAU)



WHITE (BELGRANO)

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

J. T. D. HALFORD, East Bergholt.—In Game No. 5,363, Nilsson v. Spielmann if White had played 20 P×Kt the continuation was: 20.., Q×P; 21 K R—K 1, (not 21 P—B 4 because of ... B—B 4 ch; 22 R—B 2, P—K 6 and wins), B—R 7 ch; 22 K—B 1, P×P. It is true that White has then won a piece for two Pawns, but his King's side attack (which was a winning one) is entirely at an end, and he is reduced to waiting for Black's attack to exhaust itself. His judgment in refusing the offer of a piece on the terms was therefore a sound one.

PROBLEM WORLD.

BY B. G. LAWS AND G. W. CHANDLER.

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BRITISH CHESS PROBLEM SOCIETY.

The item on the Society's programme for March 20th was a paper by Mr. H. D'O. Bernard, whom we regret to announce will shortly be going to live abroad on his retirement from the Civil Service. Being too short of time to prepare a lecture, Mr. Bernard entertained the members with a discussion on the problems entered for a tournament in which he is judging. This innovation was welcomed as affording an opportunity for others to voice their opinions, indeed, one or two points were revealed which might well have escaped the judge's attention. As Mr. Bernard will be in England from time to time, it is hoped that this will not be his last lecture to the Society's members.

At a committee meeting held afterwards, Mr. John Leishman was elected a member, and Mr. G. W. Chandler agreed to act as hon. treasurer subject to confirmation at the next general meeting.

The last meeting of the season will be held at St. Bride Institute, Fleet Street, E.C., on Tuesday, April 7th, at 6-30 p.m., when Mr. T. R. Dawson may be relied on to provide a most entertaining evening, the title of his paper as already announced being "Ideas."

B.C.P.S. SOLVING TOURNEY.

No. 1, by J. Möller (p. 98).—1 Q f6, B b4; 2 Kt f3 ch. If 1..., B other; 2 Kt d3 ch. If 1..., P×P; 2 Q d8 ch. If 1..., P a3; 2 P b3, etc. If 1..., P b4; 2 Kt d6, etc. If 1..., Kt b6 (e7); 2 Q d6 ch. Points=22 (key 10, continuations 12). A well-varied waiter which took second prize in *Tidskrift* 1909.

No. 2, by B. Prikryl (p. 98).—1 Q a4, threatening 2 B a3 and 2 Kt d7 ch. If 1..., K×Kt; 2 B f8 ch. If 1..., B×P; 2 Kt e2, etc. If 1..., P b5; 2 B c5, etc. Points=20 (key 10, continuations 10). This was awarded third prize in *Aftonbladet*, 1903. It has a good key, quiet play, and some striking mates by discovery.

No. 3, by L. Vetesnik (p. 98).—1 Kt d3, threatening 2 Kt b4 ch, K c4; 3 Kt a5 ch. If 2..., K d4; 3 Q e5 ch. If 1..., Kt e2; 2 Q f7 ch, K e4; 3 Kt c5 ch. If 2..., K d4; 3 B e5 ch. If 2..., K c6; 3 Kt b4 ch. If 1..., Q b1; 2 Kt (d) c5, P bec. Q; 3 Q e6 ch. If 2..., K c4 (d4); 3 Q e4 ch. If 1..., B f4; 2 Kt×B ch, K c4; 3 Kt a5 ch. If 1..., K d4; 2 Kt (b) c5, K d5; 3 Q e6 ch. If 2..., K c3 or P bec. Q; 3 B e5 ch. If 2..., other; 3 Q e4 ch. If 1..., K c4; 2 Q e4 ch, K c3; 3 B b4 ch. If 2..., K b3; 3 Q d5 ch. Points 39 (key 15, second moves 12, third moves 12). This typically Bohemian problem secured fourth prize in the tourney of the German Chess Association, 1910.

No. 4, by P. A. Orlimont (p. 98).—1 R c1, R×R; 2 B b2! R×P; 3 B×R. If 2..., other; 3 R g5, etc. If 1..., R—K B8; 2 B—B3, R×B or R×R; 3 R—Kt 5. Points=19 (key 15, second moves 2, third moves 2). A clever piece of strategy.

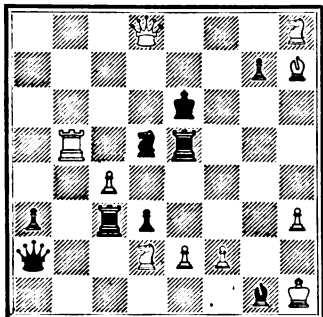
Solutions were received from G. S. Johnson, the Rev. E. W. Poynton, and F. W. Russ (100 points), F. R. Adcock (99), A. H.

Haddy (98), C. Folley (96), J. A. Lewis (95), J. Leishman (94), F. R. Carr (93), J. Mackintosh (85).

Solutions to the following four problems, which will probably be the last, should reach Mr. D. Pirnie, 10 Northwood Road, Highgate, N.6, by May 15th, 1925.

No. 9.

BLACK (9) : K e6 ; Q a2 ; R c3,
e5 ; B g1 ; Kt d5 ; P a3, d3, g7.

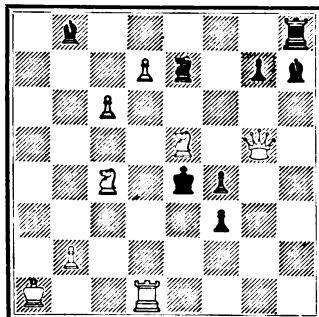


WHITE (10) : K h1 ; Q d8 ;
R b5 ; B h7 ; Kt d2, h8 ; P c4,
e2, f2, h3.

White mates in three moves.

No. 10.

BLACK (8) : K e4 ; R h8 ; B b8,
h7 ; Kt e7 ; P f3, f4, g7.

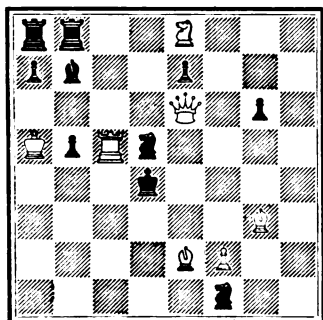


WHITE (8) : K a1 ; Q g5 ; R d1 ;
Kt c4, e5 ; P b2, c6, d7.

White mates in three moves.

No. 11.

BLACK (10) : K d4 ; R a8, b8 ;
B b7 ; Kt d5, f1 ; P a7, b5,
e7, g6.

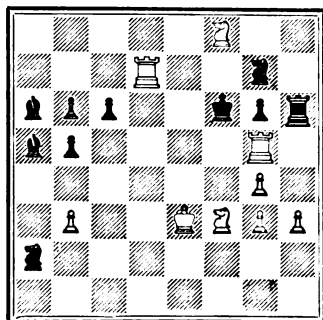


WHITE (7) : K a5 ; Q e6 ; R c5 ;
B e2, g3 ; Kt e8 ; P f2.

White mates in four moves.

No. 12.

BLACK (10) : K f6 ; R h6 ;
B a5, a6 ; Kt a2, g7 ; P b5, b6,
c6, g6.



WHITE (9) : K e3 ; R d7, g5 ;
Kt f3, f8 ; P b3, g3, g4, h3.

White mates in four moves.

The Falkirk Herald has announced a Memorial Problem Tourney to the late Antony Guest. The entries are to be two-movers with half-pin device in incomplete block form. Closing date 15th May next.

B.C.M. INFORMAL TOURNEY, 1924.

The three-movers have been judged by Messrs. B. G. Laws, G. W. Chandler and E. E. Westbury, whose placings show a close agreement. The two-movers were not so easy to scale, and a fourth opinion being thought desirable, Mr. Brian Harley was asked to join in the adjudication. Since all the problems published in the *B.C.M.* are of a fairly high standard, it is exceedingly difficult to decide between them, and apart from the first prize-winner in each section, there is very little to choose between the honoured problems.

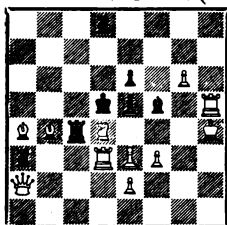
The combined awards are as follows :—

Three-move Section.

First Prize. No. 2,486.

By H. WEENINK.

BLACK (7 pieces)



WHITE (11 pieces)

Mate in three.

Second Prize. No. 2,454.

By L. B. SALKIND.

BLACK (14 pieces)



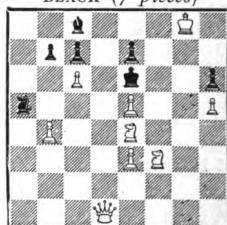
WHITE (5 pieces)

Mate in three.

Third Prize. No. 2,469.

By Dr. F. RDUCH.

BLACK (7 pieces)



WHITE (9 pieces)

Mate in three.

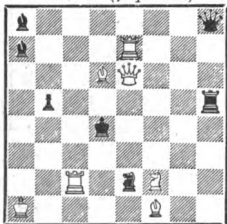
First hon. mention, No. 2,494, by F. Simhovici; second, No. 2,493, by G. F. Anderson; third, No. 2,490, by L. A. Issaef.

Two-move Section.

First Prize. No. 2,480.

By B. J. DE C. ANDRADE.

BLACK (7 pieces)



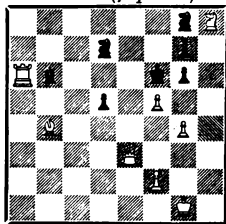
WHITE (7 pieces)

Mate in two.

Second Prize. No. 2,459.

By Dr. F. B. FEAST.

BLACK (7 pieces)



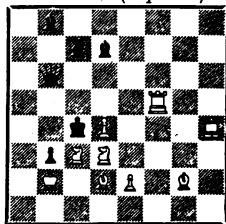
WHITE (8 pieces)

Mate in two.

Third Prize. No. 2,488.

By C. G. WATNEY.

BLACK (6 pieces)



WHITE (9 pieces)

Mate in two.

First hon. mention (*ex aequo*), No. 2,467, by J. Bunting and No. 2,496, by F. Somma; third, No. 2,491, by B. J. de C. Andrade.

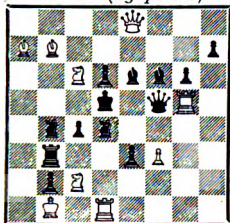
" L'ITALIA SCACCHISTICA " TOURNEY.

Two-Movers.

First Prize.

By E. E. WESTBURY.

BLACK (13 pieces)



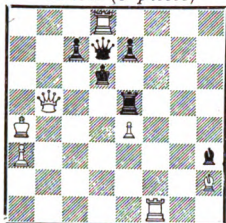
WHITE (9 pieces)

Mate in two.

Second Prize.

By L. SCHOR.

BLACK (6 pieces)



WHITE (7 pieces)

Mate in two.

Third Prize (*ex aequo*)

By SIMAY-MOLNAR.

BLACK (8 pieces)



WHITE (7 pieces)

Mate in two.

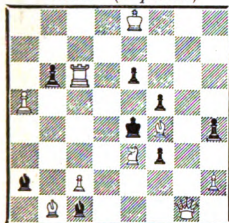
Third and fourth prize (*ex aequo*) Simay-Molnar. Hon. Mentions,
F. Kovacs and E. E. Westbury.

Three-Movers.

First Prize.

By A. MARI.

BLACK (8 pieces)



WHITE (9 pieces)

Mate in three.

Second Prize.

By N. K. MALAKHOFF.

BLACK (10 pieces)



WHITE (7 pieces)

Mate in three.

Hon. Mention.

By Dr. E. PALKOSKA.

BLACK (7 pieces)



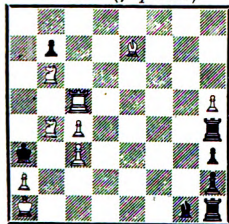
WHITE (6 pieces)

Mate in three.

Third prize : J. E. Cauveren. Hon. Mentions : E. E. Westbury
and J. Genttner.

By D. PIRNIE and
G. HUME.

BLACK (7 pieces)



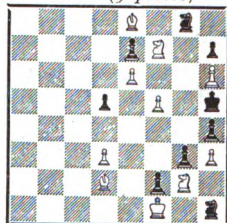
WHITE (9 pieces)

Self-mate in two.

Here are two interesting self-mates sent us by Mr. Pirnie. The two-mover has a feature of originality and will be found easy to solve. The five-mover is really a remarkable one seeing that White secures such satisfactory effects with the four minor pieces. We are inclined to regard it as a bit difficult, but it deserves study. It is a good problem.

By D. PIRNIE and
G. HUME.

BLACK (9 pieces)



WHITE (10 pieces)

Self-mate in five.

SOLVERS' SCORE—"LADDER" COMPETITION.

Problems (February) 2,503 to 2,506 inclusive.

Dr. Tennant Bruce (520) 5-5-0-20 (550); L. W. Cafferata (25) 5-0-0-20 (50); †A. T. Cannell (170) 5-5-10-20 (210); J. Chadwick (Sydney) (100); *R. W. Clark (Canada) (35) 5-5-10-20 (75); *W. H. Cutland (305); J. W. Davies (30); **F. J. Dennis (545); J. C. Derlien (605) 5-5-10-20 (645); Rev. A. S. Dean (270 brought forward—see November) 5-5-10-0 (290); G. Fegent (0); *C. Folley (340) 5-5-10-20 (380); **Albert Haddy (245) 5-5-10-20 (285); **W. F. Herbert (545); Rev. F. O'D. Hoare (380) 5-5-0-20 (410); A. Galbraith (70); †G. Stillingfleet Johnson (510) 5-5-10-20 (550); N. V. Joshi (Pusa, India) (350+35 Jan.) (385) 5-5-10-20 (425); **Frederick Lee (740) 5-5-10-20 (780); J. A. Lewis (270) 5-5-10-20 (310); *Hubert Lees (Auckland) (380+30 Dec.) (410); T. W. R. Leistikow (255); **Rev. N. Munro (400) 5-5-10-20 (440); D. Murray (325) 5-5-0-0 (335); *Johannes Nielson (75) 5-5-10-20 (115); **A. Peacock (515+20 Jan.=535) 5-5-0-20 (565); C. W. Punnett (85) 5-0-10-20 (120); Rev. J. Schipper (25) 5-5-10-20 (65); F. W. Syberg (65) 5-5-10-0 (85); O. L. Telling (Monte Carlo) (90); "Tiro" (Ribe, Denmark) (300) 5-5-10-20 (340); A. A. Vaughan (125) 5-5-10-20 (165); *Rev. E. Wells (35) 5-0-0-20 (60); M. E. L. Wills (Gibraltar) (55); W. A. Way (Malay States) (270+25 Jan.) (295).

Frederick Lee's score of 780 brings him to the top for the third time and joins G. Stillingfleet Johnson and A. T. Cannell in a triple success.

SOLUTIONS.

No. 2,503, by T. V. Walker.—1 P—B 3. Rather heavily put together, but the construction shows ingenuity, especially in the interferences on K 4. A good key.

No. 2,504, by A. Mari.—1 Kt (Kt 7)—B 5. The key changes both the replies to the cross-checks, but very similar mates are substituted. The captures of the checking piece rather mar an otherwise clever problem.

No. 2,505, by D. Przepiorka.—1 Q—B 2, threatening 2 Q—B 3. If 1... P—B 6; 2 Q—B 2. If 1... Kt—Q 2; 2 B×P ch. A neat little problem combining two quiet second moves with a pretty long-shot variation.

No. 2,506, by F. Simhovici.—1 K—B 6. If Kt—R 4 ch; 2 B×Kt, K×P; 3 B—K 8. If 1... Kt other; 2 R—Kt 3 ch, K×P; 3 Kt×P. Only two lines of play but both are good, the tour of the Bishop being quite unexpected. A pointed and pleasing idea.

By A. Guest (p. 144).—1 Q—R 6, K×Kt; 2 Q—R 1. If 1... B—Q 2; 2 B—Kt 3. If 1... Kt—K 2; 2 Q—Kt 6 ch. If 1... KB 5; 2 Q—B 6 ch.

By F. H. Guest (p. 145).—First: 1 P—Q 4, then this move standing second: 1 K—R 5. This is an ingeniously contrived position, the position as it stands is a very fair problem and the "continuation" is also interesting with its added mate.

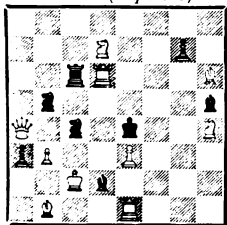
By F. H. Guest (p. 145).—White Queen at Q R 5. First: 1 Kt—Kt 4, then second: 1 Kt (Kt 4)—R 6. Here the continuation is a little surprising as we meet a mutate device.

By Dr. O. Blathy (p. 145).—In order to give our Solvers more time, we defer the solution of this rather difficult problem.

Dr. D. Przepiorka (p. 145).—We see this diagram has two Black Kings, the one in the corner should be a Black Queen. We think it well to re-produce it in correct form.

By C. MANSFIELD.
Hampstead and Highgate Express. March 1914.

BLACK (8 pieces)



WHITE (10 pieces)
Mate in two.

By J. Balik (p. 146).—1 R—K Kt 7, P—B 4; 2 R—Kt 6. If 1..., K—K 3 or K×Kt; 2 B—B 4. If 1..., K—K 5; 2 Kt—B 3 ch. Pretty, but slender. The key is an excellent one, but for a first prize problem one expects something more than a mating net and this position has hardly more than this to recommend it.

By K. Traxler (p. 146).—1 Q—B 3, K—B 4; 2 Q—Q B 6 ch. If 1..., K—B 4; 2 B—K B 7 ch. If 1..., K—K 4; 2 B—B 3 ch. If 1..., P or R—Kt 5; 2 B—Kt 6 ch. If 1..., Kt—Kt 5 or others; 1 Q—K 4 ch. Not quite in this author's style, but it has points in its variety. The model mates are not marked by elegance. The Black Pawn at R 5 may have its use, but we are not certain that it is wanted.

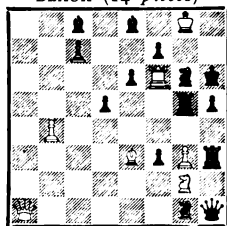
By J. Vasta (p. 146).—1 K—R 4, P—Q 4; 2 Q—Kt 3 ch. If 1..., Queen's Bishop moves; 2 Kt—Q 7 ch. If 1..., R×K P or others; 2 R—R 5 ch. The three lines of play are very nice and the key is a good one. The pin models are prettily brought about.

By A. Mari (p. 147).—1 Kt—R 5.

By H. Weenick (p. 147).—1 B—B 7, P×P; 2 B—R 2. If 1..., others; 2 R—Q 6 dbl ch.

Multiple Problem (p. 148).—First example: The position of the White pieces is—King at Q B 6 and Rook at Q 5. If Black King stands at R 1, White 1 K—Kt 6 or B 7. If at R 2, R—Q 8. If at Kt 1, R—Q R 5. Second example: This seems to be capable of being solved in more than one way. We had worked it out as follows: White—King at K 2, Queen at K R 6, Knight at Q 3, Pawn at Q Kt 3. Afterwards we noticed the Queen could stand equally well at Q R 6. The play being: If Black King at Q 4, Q—K B 6; if at Q 5 or K 5, Q—K 6. The composer has sent his solution which makes the Queen stand at K B 8. If Black King at Q 5, Q—Q B 5 ch. If at K 5, Q—B 7. We should not be surprised if there are not other ways of effecting the result and fear the innovation will not prove very successful or inviting.

D. PRZEPIORKA
(Warsaw).
BLACK (14 pieces)



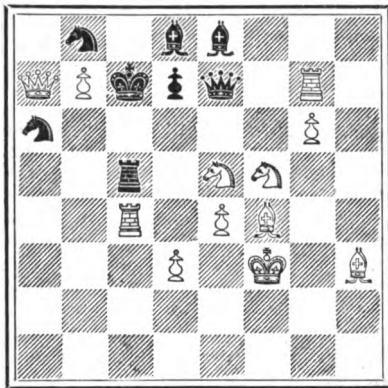
WHITE (7 pieces)
Mate in six.

By Dr. A. Kraemer (p. 146).—1 Q—R 1. The annexed two-mover has been sent to us in order to draw attention to the fact that it anticipates Dr. Kraemer's. There are points of difference, but it seems to us that had the judges been aware of the earlier problem, they might have hesitated on the score of originality in giving the honours they did.

By M. Schneider (p. 146).—1 Kt—Q B 7, K×Kt.; 2 Kt—R 8 dis ch. If 1..., B×Kt; 2 Q—Q B 8. If 1..., P—R 7; 2 Q—Kt 2 ch. If 1..., R—R 2; 2 Q×Kt. If 1..., Kt×B; 2 Kt—B 4 ch. If 1..., others; 2 Kt—B 7 ch. A give and take key of some merit. The play after K×Kt, P—R 7 and the threat is neat.

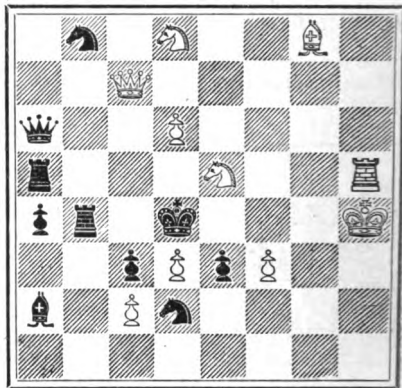
ORIGINAL PROBLEMS.

No. 2,511.

By A. ELLERMAN
(Buenos Aires).BLACK (8 *pieces*)WHITE (12 *pieces*)

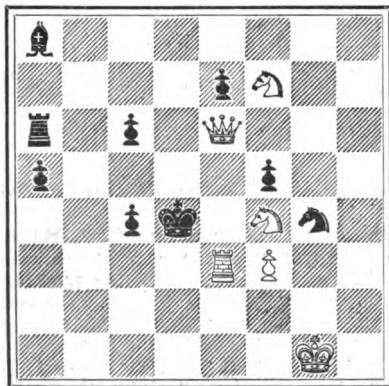
White mates in two moves.

No. 2,512.

By C. H. D. CLARK
(Leeds).BLACK (10 *pieces*)WHITE (10 *pieces*)

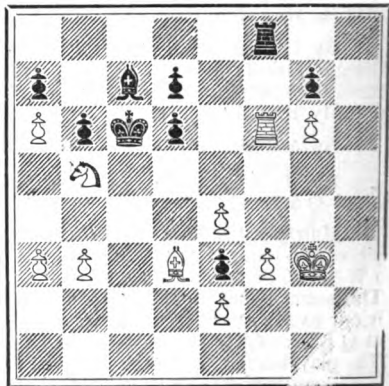
White mates in two moves.

No. 2,513.

By B. G. LAWS
(London).BLACK (9 *pieces*)WHITE (6 *pieces*)

White mates in three moves.

No. 2,514.

By K. A. L. KUBBEL
(Leningrad).BLACK (9 *pieces*)WHITE (11 *pieces*)

White mates in four moves.

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Golmayo (Sp.) ;
; 16. Reca (A.) ;
indschoten (H.) ;
2. Naegeli (Sw.) ;
Davidso (R.) ;
Renaud (Fr.) ;

Hy. (Hungary) ;

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BROMLEY CHESS CONGRESS.

The Kent County Chess Association held a very successful congress—its twentieth—at Bromley Hill Court, between the 17th and 18th of April. Eight foreign experts took part in the Premier Open tournament, while the home entry, if weakened by the absence of Sir George Thomas and F. D. Yates (both at Baden-Baden), not to mention H. E. Atkins, R. P. Michell, and others, was of good average quality.

The competitors were welcomed to the town by the Deputy Mayor, Councillor A. T. Harris, on the morning of Easter Saturday, and the first rounds in both the Premier and the Kent tournaments followed immediately. It was found necessary to make two alterations from the original official list in the Premier, F. Brown, of Dudley, and the Rev. W. Proctor, of Bromley, being ill. In their places F. H. Terrill and R. E. Lean came in. As we shall see, a third regrettable withdrawal occurred later.

We do not propose to describe the full play, round by round, in a tournament of 32 players, but will content us with a general view of proceedings in each of the four sections of the Premier.

There were two rounds on the opening day, with the natural result of rather a large number of adjourned games to be carried forward to Monday. In fact, in Section D only two games out of eight were finished on Saturday.

In Section A Mattison, the Olympic champion in Paris last year, could only draw with the veteran Müller in the first round, but followed this up with a win against G. Wright. In the meantime, H. B. Uber, of London, had scored a good win against Goldstein and drawn with Romih. Mattison and Uber thus got a lead over the week-end, no one else in the section having yet won a game. At this point, however, Uber retired on some objection, it is said, against the conditions of play. His score had consequently to be cancelled, and, had not T. M. Wechsler, who played in the boys' championship at Hastings two years ago, stepped into the breach, there would have been a bye necessary for the remaining rounds of this section. As it was, Wechsler had two rounds to make up. Occurrences like this, we think, render it advisable that all players should pay a small deposit, with their entrance-fees, to be forfeited in case of retirement for any but an absolutely unimpeachable reason.

To resume, in the third round Mattison met with a disaster, Birnberg outplaying him and gaining an excellent victory, which he discounted in the afternoon of the same day by losing to Romih and drawing with

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O'Hanlon—both adjourned games. Romih on the other hand, after a draw with O'Hanlon, in the afternoon beat not only Birnberg, but also Wechsler, taking the lead. Mattison, however, had a smashing victory over him, in little over an hour, in Round 4. Müller and O'Hanlon each added a win to their three previous drawn games, and Goldstein, profiting by his luck in the Uber game, beat Uber's substitute after adjourning the morning game with Birnberg. In the evening, however, Romih beat him, thus displacing him as favourite for second (or possibly even first) position in the section. Mattison, after an adjournment, beat O'Hanlon, who threw away a draw, and in the next round beat Wechsler. Romih could only draw with Müller, so that Mattison entered on Round 6 with $4\frac{1}{2}$ points to Romih's 4. The question remained, could Birnberg with a score of $2\frac{1}{2}$ and two adjourned games, catch the leaders? This was settled when Birnberg on Wednesday night finished an adjourned game with G. Wright. He lost it, and so was out of the hunt. He then played off his adjourned game with Goldstein, which came to a draw.

In the last round of the preliminaries Mattison met Goldstein and Romih met G. Wright. Romih had a very easy victory; but Goldstein, defending in a Queen's side opening, put up a very stout defence, and for a time appeared to have a slight pull. With the disappearance of the majority of the pieces, however, a draw resulted legitimately enough.

Mattison and Romih accordingly tied with 5 points each. By the tournament rules, Mattison went into the top section of the final through having beaten Romih in their individual game. Reference must be made, in this section, to the fine showing of the veteran Müller.

In Section B Apscheneek (who, it may be remembered, was only half a point behind Mattison in the Olympic contest) went right ahead with wins against Noel-Johnson, H. G. Wright and Marin—the last being a spirited performance, though the initial sacrifice was of doubtful soundness. Louis, after losing to Marin in Round 1, put on two wins; and Terrill and H. G. Wright also scored two points in three rounds. In Round 4 Apscheneek took exactly twenty minutes of his time to mate Louis on the 37th move. He is a player of the lightning variety. In the same round Terrill beat Marin.

Apscheneek added yet another point in Round 5, at the expense of Dr. Storr-Best; but next round he had a shock. Playing Black against one of Lean's irregular openings, he found that the grey-headed Brightonian was able not only to play him nearly at his own pace, but to establish a winning position on the 11th move! Lean after this produced "fireworks" (see game below) and brought off a glorious victory. It is noteworthy that for the 37 moves he took 1 h. 8 m. against Apscheneek's 55 m.

Terrill, who had all the while been playing excellent chess and dropped no point except in Round 3, when young Wright, of Leicester, beat him, now had a chance of catching up with Apscheneek, if he could win an adjourned game with Louis. He only drew, however,

and so had to meet the Latvian in the last preliminary round at half a point's disadvantage. Here he seemed overcome by the importance of the occasion and could put up no show whatever, Apscheneek getting a won game in a dozen moves, though play continued to the 35th. Terrill remained second, half a point ahead of Louis and Wright. The last-named, by the way, made an excellent entry into first-class tournament play.

In Section C Hromadka started, like Apscheneek in B, with three wins. His most formidable rivals were Savage and Winter, 2 each, Savage having also an adjourned game. In Round 4 Hromadka met with unexpectedly stiff resistance from J. Storr-Best, the Brighton C.C. top board, and could only draw, after 39 moves. Winter, having beaten Ewbank, was now only half a point behind, while Savage's score, with two wins and two adjourned games, was problematical. Next round Hromadka beat Ewbank; and Winter should have won, but only drew, his game against Savage. Voellmy meanwhile who had made a bad start, was pulling up. In the 6th round Hromadka, with his eye on the score, was content to force a draw with Winter, who had previously somewhat the better of the game. He was justified; for Savage, though he beat Bolland in this round, only scored half a point in two adjourned games, *v.* Voellmy and Morrison. The 7th round opened with Hromadka's score at 5, Savage, Winter and Voellmy being 4 each. Hromadka had Savage to play. The latter fought well in a French Defence, and got two Bishops against two Knights. On the 24th move, however, he was compelled to give up one Bishop for a Knight, and two moves later a draw was agreed which suited Hromadka's book admirably. Had Savage managed to win, by the conditions of play he, not Hromadka, would have got into the top section of the final. Winter and Voellmy, both winning their last games, passed Savage in the score.

Section D, as we have said, made a slow start. Drewitt, on Monday, was the first to complete his three games, scoring $2\frac{1}{2}$ points, the half being a draw with Mackenzie. He followed this up with a win against Crépeaux, who made a bad slip in the opening. But Skalicka, who adjourned each of his first four games in turn, won two of them on Monday, and another, against Crépeaux (a nice ending) on Tuesday afternoon, so that Drewitt's position was not sure. Skalicka then beat Mrs. Holloway, while Drewitt adjourned with Lorch. In Round 6 Drewitt in turn beat Mrs. Holloway, Skalicka only drawing with Mackenzie. Skalicka's last adjourned game, like Drewitt's, was against Lorch; but, whereas Skalicka won, Drewitt could get but half a point. When they came to meet one another in Round 7, therefore, the Czecho-Slovakian's score was $5\frac{1}{2}$ against the Englishman's 5. Skalicka opened with a Queen's side game, and a stern contest ensued, in which both got very short of time in the first hour. Drewitt certainly built up a superior position, but, try how he would, he could not extract a winning advantage, and after five hours he agreed to draw, making Skalicka's score 6 and his $5\frac{1}{2}$. Crépeaux, though he only lost to the two leaders, did not quite play up to his reputation.

The tables of the Preliminary Sections follow :—

A	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Scr.	B	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Scr.		
1 H. Mattison (Latvia)	..	—	1	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	1	5	1 F. Apscheneek (Latvia)	..	—	1	1	1	0	1	1	1	6
2 M. Romih (Italy)	..	0	—	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	1	1	5	2 F. H. Terrill (Birmingham)	..	0	—	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	1	1	1	1	4 $\frac{1}{2}$
3 J. Birnberg (London)	..	1	0	—	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	1	4	3 A. Louis (London)	..	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	—	1	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	1	4
4 O. C. Müller (London)	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	—	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	4	4 H. G. Wright (Leicester)	..	0	1	0	—	1	0	1	1	4
5 J. J. O'Hanlon (Ireland)	..	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	—	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	3 $\frac{1}{2}$	5 R. E. Lean (Brighton)	..	1	0	0	0	—	1	0	1	3
6 M. E. Goldstein (London)	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	—	1	1	3 $\frac{1}{2}$	6 R. C. Noel-Johnson (London)	..	0	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	0	—	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	3
7 G. Wright (York)	..	0	0	1	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	—	1	2 $\frac{1}{2}$	7 V. Marin (Spain)	..	0	0	1	0	1	0	—	0	2
8 T. M. Wechsler (Bromley)	..	0	0	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	0	0	—	$\frac{1}{2}$	8 Dr. Storr-Best (London)	..	0	0	0	0	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	—	1 $\frac{1}{2}$

C	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Scr.	D	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Scr.		
1 K. Hromadka (Cz.-Slovakia)	..	—	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	1	1	1	5 $\frac{1}{2}$	1 D. Skalicka (Cz.-Slovakia)	..	—	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	1	1	1	6
2 W. Winter (London)	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	—	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	5	2 J. A. J. Drewitt (Hastings)	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	—	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	1	5 $\frac{1}{2}$
3 Dr. Voellmy (Switzerland)	..	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	—	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	1	1	1	5	3 R. Crépeaux (France)	..	0	0	—	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	1	1	1	4 $\frac{1}{2}$
4 L. Savage (London)	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	—	0	1	1	1	4 $\frac{1}{2}$	4 A. J. Mackenzie (Birmingham)	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	—	1	1	0	0	3 $\frac{1}{2}$
5 J. H. Morrison (London)	..	0	0	0	1	—	1	1	1	4	5 Mrs. Holloway (Bromley)	..	0	0	0	0	—	1	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	2 $\frac{1}{2}$
6 J. Storr-Best (Sussex)	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	0	0	0	—	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	2	6 C. H. Lorch (London)	..	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	0	0	—	1	1	2 $\frac{1}{2}$
7 P. D. Bolland (Somerset)	..	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	0	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	—	$\frac{1}{2}$	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	7 W. H. Watts (London)	..	0	0	0	1	0	0	—	1	2
8 A. M. Ewbank (London)	..	0	0	0	0	0	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	—	$\frac{1}{2}$	8 H. Parsons (Bristol)	..	0	0	0	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	0	—	1 $\frac{1}{2}$

The players to get into Final Section A were thus two from Latvia and two from Czecho-Slovakia—and no Britons. For this, however, there was some consolation in the good fight which our reserves had put up!

FINAL SECTION A—ROUND I, APRIL 16th.

Players.	Opening.	Result.
Skalicka v. Mattison	Queen's Pawn	Drawn.
Apscheneek v. Hromadka	Queen's Gambit Declined	Apscheneek won.

Skalicka-Mattison opened 1 P—Q 4, Kt—K B 3; 2 Kt—K B 3, P—K 3; 3 P—B 4, B—Kt 5 ch; 4 B—Q 2, B×B ch; 5 Q Kt×B, Castles. A heavy game resulted, with all 16 Pawns remaining on. Skalicka had much the more forward deployment, but Mattison was in no danger. Towards adjournment time he offered a draw, which Skalicka first refused, but ultimately accepted.

Apscheneek-Hromadka was a game of a very different nature. It opened 1 P—Q 4, P—Q 4; 2 Kt—K B 3, Kt—K B 3; 3 P—B 4, P—B 3; 4 P×P, P×P; 5 Kt—B 3, Kt—B 3; 6 B—B 4, B—B 4; 7 P—K 3, Q—Kt 3; 8 B—Kt 5 P—K 3; 9 Q—Kt 3, B—K 2; 10 Kt—K 5, Q R—B 1; 11 Castles, Castles; 12 B×Kt, P×B; 13 Q×Q, P×Q. At move 20 material was still level, but Apscheneek had a strong passed Q R P and a B against a Kt. Hromadka made an unsound combination to win the Q R P. He won it, but at the

cost of the Exchange, and though he struggled on to the 65th move the ultimate result was long in sight.

By some curious error, due to the players themselves, since it was not on the official programme, the colours were reversed in both games. Mattison and Hromadka should have played White. The effect of this was fortunate for Skalicka, unfortunate for Hromadka, the former getting three Whites, the latter three Blacks.

ROUND 2, APRIL 17th.

<i>Players.</i>	<i>Opening.</i>	<i>Result.</i>
Skalicka v. Apscheneek ..	<i>Queen's Gambit Declined</i> ..	Skalicka won.
Mattison v. Hromadka ..	<i>Queen's Gambit Declined</i> ..	Mattison won.

Both games began like Apscheneek-Hromadka in the previous round ; but, whereas Mattison followed Apscheneek in playing 4 P×P, Skalicka did not. Mattison played in exemplary style, but was helped by his opponent's loss of time in moves with his Q Kt. The game is subjoined. Skalicka-Apscheneek was not a good game—through no fault of Skalicka's, however. Apscheneek had an off-day and got into difficulties, which cost him the Exchange. Ceasing to play at his usual rapid pace, he struggled desperately in a R and Kt v. two Rooks ending. Even when he lost the Kt he went on till mated ; but he might have saved himself trouble by resigning earlier than between the 80th and 90th moves.

GAME No. 5,380.

Queen's Gambit Declined.

WHITE	BLACK	WHITE	BLACK
H. MATTISON	K. HROMADKA	K. MATTISON	K. HROMADKA
1 P—Q 4	P—Q 4	15 Castles K R	Kt—Kt 6
2 Kt—K B 3	Kt—K B 3	16 Q R—Q 1	B—K 2
3 P—B 4	P—B 3	17 Kt×P!	R×Q
4 P×P	P×P	18 Kt×Q	R×Kt P
5 Kt—B 3	Kt—B 3	19 Kt—B 4	R—R 7
6 B—B 4	B—B 4	20 Kt—Q 6 ch!	K—B 1
7 Q—Kt 3	Kt—R 4	21 B—B 4	P—K Kt 4
8 Q—R 4 ch	B—Q 2	22 B—Kt 3	R—Kt 7
9 Q—B 2	Q—Kt 3	23 R—Kt 1	R×R
.....Against Mattison the		24 R×R	Kt—R 4
previous day Goldstein played		25 B—K 2	Kt—Kt 3
9.., R—B 1; 10 P—K 3, Kt—		26 R—Kt 5	Kt—B 3
K 5; 11 B—Q 3, Kt×Kt; 12		27 Kt×Kt P	B×P
P×Kt, P—K 3; 13 Q—Kt 2,		28 R×P	Kt—Q 4
B—K 2; 14 Castles, Castles;		29 B—B 3	Kt (B 3)—K 2
15 Q R—B 1, B—K 1; 16 Kt—		30 P—K 4	B—B 8?
Q 2, B—Q 3 with an equal game.		31 R—K R 5	Kt—Kt 3
10 P—K 3	R—B 1	32 B—K 5	R—Kt 1
11 Kt—K 5	P—K 3	33 R×P	Kt—B 5
12 B—Q 3	Kt—B 3	34 B—B 6	Kt—Kt 3
13 Kt×B	Kt×Kt	35 B—K 2	Resigns
14 P—Q R 3	Kt—R 4?		

ROUND 3, APRIL 18th.

Players.	Opening.	Result.
Apscheneek v. Mattison	Max Lange	Mattison won.
Skalicka v. Hromadka	Q.P. (Duich Defence) ..	Hromadka won.

Two pairs of compatriots met in this final round, in each case with one of the pair standing well with $1\frac{1}{2}$ points to his credit. Mattison quickly made certain of first prize, or a share in first and second, by defeating Apscheneek in 34 moves. There was nothing "hyper-modern" about the opening: 1 P—K 4, P—K 4; 2 Kt—K B 3, Kt—Q B 3; 3 B—B 4, B—B 4; 4 Castles, Kt—B 3; 5 P—Q 4, B×P; 6 Kt×B, Kt×Kt; 7 B—K Kt 5, P—Q 3; 8 P—B 4, Kt—K 3; 9 P×P, Kt×B; 10 P×Kt, P×P; 11 Kt—B 3, P—B 3; 12 Q—Q 4, Q—Kt 3; 13 R×P, B—K 3, and the game was rattled off at a quick pace. Apscheneek had none the worst of it until near the end, when he played as if he did not care about the result. As a matter of fact, he was indisposed for the past two days.

Skalicka and Hromadka had a much more serious battle, consuming nearly their full time. When the heavy pieces came off Skalicka penetrated with a Kt into the opposing camp, and had to give up a Pawn to get it out. This led to Hromadka's ultimate success—to the shattering of Skalicka's hopes of a tie with Mattison.

Table :—

	1	2	3	4	Score.	Prize.
1 H. Mattison	—	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	1	$2\frac{1}{2}$	I
2 D. Skalicka	$\frac{1}{2}$	—	1	0	$1\frac{1}{2}$	II
3 F. Apscheneek	0	0	—	1	1	III/
4 K. Hromadka	0	1	0	—	1	IV

The four principal prizes were £12, £10, £8 and £7 respectively.

For the six lesser prizes of £6, £5, £4, £3, £2 and £1 the 28 unsuccessful players in the Preliminaries fought, carrying forward their sectional scores and meeting in the Final three opponents with approximately equal scores to date—a plan adopted at the Olympic congress in Paris. We have not space to give the whole table; but the prize-winners and their scores were as follows: V-VII, M. Romih, Dr. Voellmy and W. Winter (all $5+2\frac{1}{2}=7\frac{1}{2}$); VIII-IX, J. Birnberg ($4+2\frac{1}{2}=6\frac{1}{2}$) and R. Crépeaux ($4\frac{1}{2}+2=6\frac{1}{2}$); X, J. A. J. Drewitt ($5\frac{1}{2}+\frac{1}{2}=6$) and R. C. Noel-Johnson ($3+3=6$) divided, L. Savage, J. H. Morrison and A. Louis, all with a total of $5\frac{1}{2}$, were just outside the prize list.

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The play in the preliminary sections resulted as follows:—

A—P. J. Lawrence and Major J. Patron, 4; S. J. Osborn, $3\frac{1}{2}$; S. P. Lees, $1\frac{1}{2}$; Miss Andrews and Mrs. Sollas, 1.

B—R. M. Norman, 4; P. A. Ursell, $3\frac{1}{2}$; H. Thompson, 3; Miss Chater, $2\frac{1}{2}$; F. A. Joyce, $1\frac{1}{2}$; Miss Abraham, $\frac{1}{2}$.

C—Leslie Vine, 5; N. Kazi, $3\frac{1}{2}$; C. H. Taylor, 3; T. L. Moodie and E. B. Puckridge, $1\frac{1}{2}$; W. J. E. Yeeles, $\frac{1}{2}$.

In the final section of the eight leading players the prizes went : I, Norman, 4 ; II-III, Kazi and Vine, $3\frac{1}{2}$; IV, Lawrence, $2\frac{1}{2}$; V, Ursell, 1 ; VI, Patron, $\frac{1}{2}$. Two more prizes were contested for by the other twelve players, carrying forward their section scores and playing five extra games, and went : VII, Osborn, $3\frac{1}{2} + 3\frac{1}{2} = 7$; and VIII, Miss Chater, $2\frac{1}{2} + 3\frac{1}{2} = 6$.

In the Kent tournament, a double-round affair, Mrs. Cook, E. H. Chesters and H. J. Salter tied with a score of 6 each. Miss Eveling scored 5, Mrs. Vine $4\frac{1}{2}$, and J. F. Croome $3\frac{1}{2}$.

In the evening tournaments, E. A. Coad-Pryor and G. Tregaskis tied with $4\frac{1}{2}$ points each in the First Class ; F. J. Dennis, 5, and A. H. Hart, $4\frac{1}{2}$, took the prizes in the Second Class ; and Mrs. Thompson 5 and E. M. Lyon-Campbell, 4, those in the Third Class.

E. J. Price and J. Strachstein divided the prize in the Easter Monday knock-out tournament of 8 players.

In addition there were the usual lightning and quick-play tournaments. Great Britain and the Continent had two matches under quick-play rules, the Continent winning both.

The prize-giving took place on the afternoon of Saturday, April 18th, the Deputy Mayor presiding and Mrs. Harris making the presentation. At the conclusion a well-deserved gift, towards which the players and visitors had contributed, was made to the conductors of the congress, Messrs. Holloway and Chesters.

A selection of games and end-games from the Premier Open tournament follows.

GAME No. 5,381.

From Section A, Round 3.

Sicilian Defence.

WHITE		BLACK	
J. BIRNBERG	H. MATTISON	J. BIRNBERG	H. MATTISON
1 P—K 4	P—Q B 4	20 R×Q	B—K 3
2 Kt—K B 3	Kt—Q B 3	21 Kt—Q 4	Kt×Kt
3 P—Q 4	P×P	22 R×Kt	Q R—B 1
4 Kt×P	P—Q 3	23 B—Q 3	K R—Q 1
5 Kt—Q B 3	P—K Kt 3	24 R×R	R×R
6 B—K 3	B—Kt 2	25 P—K B 4	R—Q 3
7 Q—Q 2	B—Q 2	26 K—B 2	K—B 1
8 B—K 2	Kt—B 3	27 K—K 3	K—K 2
9 Castles K R	Castles	28 R—B 2	B—Q 2
10 P—K R 3	R—K 1	29 B—B 4	B—B 3
11 Q R—Q 1	P—Q R 3	30 B—Q 3	R—Q 1
12 P—R 3	Q—B 2	31 R—Q 2	P—K Kt 4
13 Kt—B 3	Kt—Q R 4	32 R—B 2	P—R 3
14 B—Q 4	Kt—B 3	33 P—Kt 3	R—Q 3
15 B×Kt	B×B	34 P—K R 4	P×R P
16 Kt—Q 5	Q—Q 1	35 P×P	R—Q 1
17 Kt×B	P×Kt	36 R—Kt 2	P—B 4
18 Q—B 4	Q—K 2	37 R—Kt 3	P×P
19 Q×Q P	Q×Q	38 B×K P	B×B

39 K×B	R—Q 7	53 P—B 6	R—B 4 ch
40 R—Q B 3	R—R 7	54 K—K 4	K—B 3
41 R—B 7 ch	K—B 1	55 K—Q 4	R—B 8
42 P—Kt 3	P—Kt 4	56 K—Q 5	K—B 4
43 R—B 6	K—Kt 2	57 R—K R 8	K×P
44 P—Q B 4	R—R 6	58 R×P	P—B 4
45 R×Q R P	R×Kt P	59 K—Q 6	R—Q 8 ch
46 P—B 5	P—Kt 5	60 K—K 7	R—Q B 8
47 P×P	R×P ch	61 K—Q 7	K—K 4
48 K—B 5	R—B 5	62 R—K 6 ch	K—Q 4
49 R—B 6	R—B 7	63 R—Q 6 ch	K—K 4
50 R—B 8	R—B 8	64 R—Q 2	P—B 5
51 K—K 5	R—K 8 ch	65 P—B 7	Resigns
52 K—B 5	R—Q B 8	Black never recovered from the loss of the Pawn on move 19.	

 GAME No. 5,382.

From Section B, Round 3.

Queen's Gambit Declined.

WHITE		BLACK	
V. MARIN	F. APSCHENEK	V. MARIN	F. APSCHENEK
1 P—Q 4	P—Q 4	21 K—B 2	P—K Kt 4
2 Kt—K B 3	Kt—K B 3	22 Kt—K 2	Q—R 5 ch
3 P—Q B 4	P—B 3	23 K—Kt 1	Q—R 7 ch
4 P—K 3	B—B 4	24 K—B 2	P—Kt 5
5 Kt—B 3	P—K 3	25 R—K Kt 1	R—R 6
6 B—Q 3	B—Kt 3	26 K—B 1	R—B 6 ch
7 Kt—K 5	Q Kt—Q 2	27 P×R	Q—R 6 ch
8 Castles	Kt×Kt	28 R—Kt 2	P×P
9 P×Kt	B×B	29 B—B 2	Q×R ch
10 Q×B	Kt—Kt 5	30 K—K 1	P×Kt
11 P—B 4	Q—R 5	31 K×P	Q—Kt 5 ch
12 P—K R 3	P—K R 4	32 K—Q 2	Castles
13 B—Q 2 ?	Q—Kt 6	33 K—B 2	Q—Kt 7
14 P×Kt	P×P	34 Q—K 2	B—R 5
15 B—K 1	Q—R 7 ch	35 R—K B 1	P—Q 5
16 K—B 2	P—Kt 6 ch	36 P×P	R×P
17 K—B 3	Q—R 4 ch	37 P—K B 5	R—B 5
18 K×P	B—K 2	38 P×P	P×P
19 K—B 2	Q—R 7	39 R—K Kt 1	Q×B and wins.
20 K—B 3	Q—R 4 ch		

 GAME No. 5,383.

From Section B, Round 4.

Queen's Gambit Declined.

WHITE		BLACK	
F. APSCHENEK	A. LOUIS	F. APSCHENEK	A. LOUIS
1 P—Q 4	P—Q 4	8 P—Q R 3	P—K R 3
2 Kt—K B 3	Kt—K B 3	9 B—R 4	R—K 1
3 P—B 4	P—K 3	10 Q—B 2	P×P
4 Kt—B 3	Q Kt—Q 2	11 B×P	Kt—Q 4
5 B—Kt 5	B—K 2	12 B—K Kt 3	Q Kt—B 3
6 P—K 3	Castles	13 Kt—K 2	Q—R 4 ch
7 R—B 1	P—B 3	14 Kt—Q 2	B—Q 2

15 B—R 2
 16 Q—B 3
 17 B—Kt 1
 18 Q—B 2
 19 P—K 4
 20 P—K 5
 21 Q—R 7 ch
 22 Q—R 8 ch
 23 B—R 7

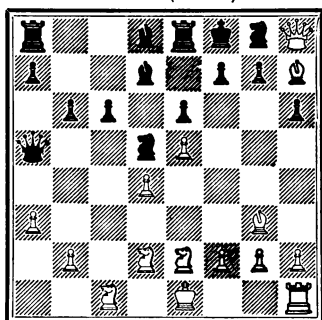
Kt—Q Kt 5
 P—Q Kt 3
 Kt (Kt 5)—Q 4
 B—Q 1
 Kt—K 2
 Kt (B 3)—Q 4
 K—B 1
 Kt—Kt 1
 Kt—K 2

35 R—B 4 ch
 36 Q×Kt ch
 37 Q—B 2 mate

K—Q 6
 K×Kt

Position after 23 B—R 7.

BLACK (LOUIS)



WHITE (APSCHENEEK)

(See Diagram)

24 Kt—B 4
 25 Kt—R 5
 26 B×Kt
 27 Kt—B 6
 28 Kt×R
 29 Q—R 7
 30 B×P ch
 31 Castles
 32 B×P ch
 33 Q—Kt 6 ch
 34 Q—B 7 ch

P—K Kt 4
 Kt—B 4
 B—B 1
 K—K 2
 K×Kt
 B—K 2
 K—Q 2
 B—R 3
 K×B
 K—Q 4
 K×P

GAME No. 5,384.

From Section D, Round 4.

Sicilian Defence.

WHITE
 J. STORR-BEST

1 P—K 4
 2 Kt—K B 3
 3 Kt—B 3
 4 P—K Kt 3
 5 P×P
 6 P—Q 4
 7 B—Kt 2
 8 Kt—K 2
 9 K Kt×P
 10 P—K B 3
 11 B—K 3
 12 P—B 3
 13 B×B
 14 Q×Kt
 15 K—B 2
 16 Q×Q
 17 K R—Q Kt 1
 18 Kt—Q 4
 19 B—B 1
 20 Kt×B
 21 R×P
 22 K—Kt 2
 23 R×P

Hromadka.

24 P×P
 25 R—Kt 2
 26 R—Q 1

BLACK
 K. HROMADKA

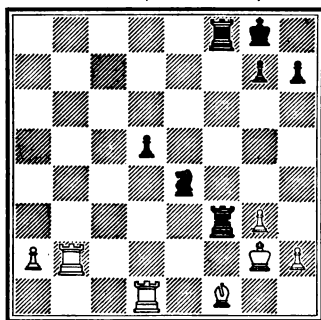
P—Q B 4
 P—K 3
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 P×P
 B—Kt 5
 Kt—B 3
 P×P
 B—Q B 4
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 Q—Kt 3
 B×Kt
 Kt×B
 Q×P
 Q—Kt 3
 P×Q
 R—R 3
 Castles
 R—R 6
 P×Kt
 R×B P
 P—K 4
 P—K 5?
 R—B 7 ch! says

Kt×P
 R—R 6
 R (R 6)—K B 6

WHITE
 J. STORR-BEST

Position after 26.., R—K B 6.

BLACK (HROMADKA)



WHITE (STORR-BEST)

27 B—R 6!
 28 R×R
 29 K—Kt 1
 30 B—Kt 7
 31 B×P ch
 32 R×Kt
 33 R—B 5 ch
 34 R—B 2 and the game was drawn after five more moves.

R—B 7 ch
 R×R ch
 R×Q R P
 Kt—B 6
 Kt×B
 K—B 2
 K—Kt 3

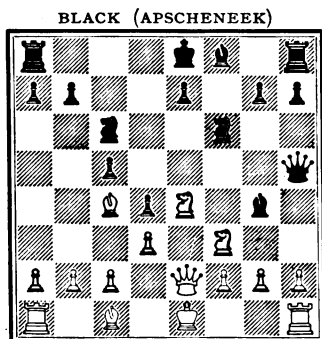
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From Section B, Round 6.

Irregular Opening.

WHITE		BLACK		WHITE		BLACK	
R.	E. LEAN	F.	APSCHENEEK	R.	E. LEAN	F.	APSCHENEEK
1	Kt—Q B 3	P—Q 4		11	Kt—Q 6 ch	K—Q 2	
2	Kt—B 3	P—Q 5 ?		12	Kt—B 7	B×Kt	
3	Kt—K 4	P—K B 4		13	B—K 6 ch	K—B 2	
4	Kt—Kt 3	P—B 4		14	B—B 4 ch	K—Kt 3	
5	P—K 4	B P×P		15	P×B	R—K Kt 1	
6	P Kt×P	Q—Q 4		16	R—K Kt 1	P—K R 3	
7	B—Kt 5 ch	Kt—B 3		17	P—Kt 4	P×P ?	
8	Q—K 2	Kt—B 3		18	Kt—K 5	R—R 1	
9	P—Q 3	B—Kt 5		19	P—Q R 3	P—Kt 4	
10	B—Q B 4	Q—R 4		20	Kt—B 4 ch	K—Kt 4	

Position after 10., Q—R 4.



21	B—Q B 7 !	P—Kt 5	
22	B P×P	Q—Q B 4	
23	Kt—Q 6 ch !	P×Kt	
24	B—B 4 ch	Q×B	
25	P×Q ch	K—B 4	
26	K—B 1	R—K 1	
27	Q—B 3	Kt—K 5	
28	P×P ch	Kt×P	
29	K—Kt 2	K—B 3	
30	B—R 5	Kt×Q B P	
31	Q—B 5	Kt—B 4	
32	Q×Kt (B 2)	B—Kt 2	
33	Q R—K 1	B—K 4	
34	P—B 4	B×P	
35	Q—Kt 1	P—R 3	
36	Q—Kt 6 ch	Resigns	

A perfect gem !

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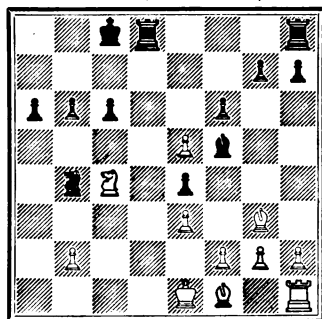
From Section C, Round 6.

Q.G.D. (in effect).

WHITE		BLACK		WHITE		BLACK	
W.	WINTER	K.	HROMADKA	W.	WINTER	K.	HROMADKA
1	P—Q 4	Kt—K B 3		15	R—R 4	P—K 4	
2	P—Q B 4	P—B 3		16	P×P	P—Q Kt 4	
3	Kt—Q B 3	P—Q 4		17	P×P e.p.	B×P ch	
4	Kt—B 3	B—B 4		18	R×B	Kt×R	
5	Q—Kt 3	Q—Kt 3		(See Diagram)			
6	P—B 5	Q×Q		19	Kt—Q 6 ch	R×Kt	
7	P×Q	Q Kt—Q 2		20	P×R	K—Q 2	
8	P—Q Kt 4	P—Q R 3		21	K—Q 2	R—Kt 1	
9	B—B 4	Kt—K 5		22	B—Q B 4	R×P	
10	Kt×Kt	P×Kt		23	R—R 1	B—K 3	
11	Kt—Q 2	Kt—B 3		24	B—K 2	P—Q B 4	
12	P—K 3	Castles		25	R—Q B 1	R—B 3	
13	Kt—B 4	Kt—Q 4		26	B—Q 1	R—B 1	
14	B—Kt 3	P—B 3		27	P—B 3	P×P	

Position after 18.., Kt×R.

BLACK (HROMADKA)



WHITE (WINTER)

28 P×P P—B 5
 29 B—Q B 2 P—K R 4
 30 P—R 4 R—B 4
 31 P—K 4 R—R 4
 32 R—K Kt 1 P—Kt 4
 33 R—K R 1 B—B 2
 34 K—B 3 Kt—R 7 ch
 35 K—Q 4 Kt—Kt 5
 36 K—B 3 Kt—R 7 ch and
 a draw resulted by repetition of moves.

GAME No. 5,387.

From Section D, Round 7. We give the beginning only, the remainder being of inferior interest.

Queen's Pawn (in effect).

WHITE	BLACK	WHITE	BLACK
D. SKALICKA	J. A. J. DREWITT	D. SKALICKA	J. A. J. DREWITT
1 Kt—K B 3	P—Q B 4	13 Q—B 3	B—K 3
2 P—B 3	P—Q 4	14 K R—K 1	K R—Q 1
3 P—Q 4	P—K 3	15 Q R—Q 1	Q R—B 1
4 B—B 4	Kt—Q B 3	16 Q—K 2	B—B 4
5 P—K 3	Kt—B 3	17 B×B	Q×B
6 Q Kt—Q 2	P—K R 3	18 Q—Kt 5	P—Q Kt 3
7 P—K R 3	B—Q 3	19 Q—R 6	Q—B 7
8 B×B	Q×B	20 Kt—Kt 1	Kt—K 5
9 B—Q 3	Castles	21 Q—K 2	Q—R 5
10 Castles	P—K 4	22 P—Q Kt 3	Q—B 3
11 P×P	Kt×P	and the game was drawn on the 46th move.	
12 Kt×Kt	Q×Kt		

The three games that follow are given as "horrible examples"—not as specimens of the ordinary play of their respective losers!

GAME No. 5,388.

From Section 3, Round 3.

Vienna.

WHITE	BLACK	WHITE	BLACK
L. SAVAGE	A. M. EWBank	L. SAVAGE	A. M. EWBank
1 P—K 4	P—K 4	9 P×B	Kt×P
2 Kt—Q B 3	Kt—K B 3	10 Q—K 1	Kt×B ch
3 P—B 4	P—Q 4	11 Q×Kt	B—Kt 5
4 B P×P	Kt×P	12 B—R 3	Q—Q 1
5 Kt—B 3	B—Q Kt 5	13 Q—B 2	B×Kt
6 B—K 2	P—Q B 3	14 Q×B	Q—Q 2
7 Castles	Q—Kt 3 ch	15 P—K 6	Resigns
8 P—Q 4	B×Kt		

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From Section B, Round 4.

Irregular Opening.

WHITE		BLACK	
Dr. STORR-BEST		R. E. LEAN	
1	P—K 4	Kt—Q B 3	
2	Kt—K B 3	P—K 4	
3	P—Q 3	Kt—B 3	
4	B—K 2	P—Q 4	
5	Q Kt—Q 2	B—Q B 4	
6	P—K R 3	Castles	
7	P—B 3	B—K 3	
WHITE		BLACK	
Dr. STORR-BEST		R. E. LEAN	
8	P—Q Kt 4	B—Q 3	
9	Castles	P—Q 5	
10	P—Kt 5 ?	P×P	
11	P×Kt	P×Kt	
12	P×P	P×B (Q)	
13	P×R (Q)	Q (B 8)×Q	
14	B×Q	Q×Q	
15	Resigns		

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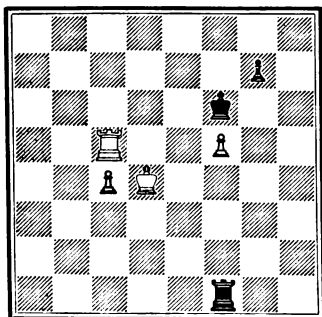
From Section A, Round 7.

Sicilian Defence.

WHITE		BLACK	
M. ROMIH		G. WRIGHT	
1	P—K 4	P—Q B 4	
2	Kt—K B 3	P—K 3	
3	P—Q 4	P×P	
4	Kt×P	Kt—Q B 3	
5	B—K 2	B—K 2	
6	Castles	Kt—B 3	
7	Kt×Kt	Kt P×Kt	
8	B—Q 3	P—K 4	
9	P—K B 4	P×P	
WHITE		BLACK	
M. ROMIH		G. WRIGHT	
10	B×P	Q—Kt 3 ch	
	A very	dear excursion.	
11	K—R 1	Q×P ?	
12	Kt—Q 2	Q—Kt 3	
13	Kt—B 4	Q—Q 1	
14	Kt—Q 6 ch	B×Kt	
15	B×B	Kt—Kt 1	
16	Q—R 5	Resigns	
	Mate cannot be averted.		

In the position in the diagram Müller only drew against Mattison (Section A, Round 1) with 1 K—K 4, R—K 8 ch; 2 K—Q 4, R—Q B 8, etc. M. E. Goldstein afterwards pointed out 1 R—Q 5! If now R—B 5 ch, then 2 K—B 5, R×P; 3 R×R ch, K×R; 4 K—Q 5 and wins.

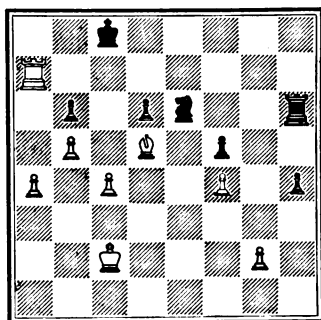
BLACK (MATTISON)



WHITE (MÜLLER)

This is Hromadka's ending v. Morrison in Section C, Round 1:— 34 P—R 5, Kt×P; 35 P—R 6, Kt×B; 36 R—R 8 ch, K—B 2; 37 R—K Kt 8, Kt—K 2; 38 P—R 7, Kt×R; 39 P—R 8 (Q), R—Kt 3; 40 Q—B 6, Resigns.

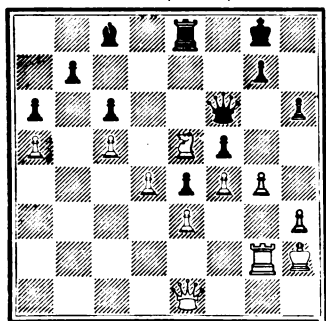
BLACK (MORRISON)



WHITE (HROMADKA)

The following is Señor Marin's pretty finish in his first round game *v.* Louis (Section B). It was his turn to play his 40th move, and the continuation was: 40 P-Kt 5, P×P; 41 P×P, Q-K 3; 42 Q-R 4, R-K 2; 43 P-Kt 6, K-B 1; 44 R-Kt 5, Q-R 7 ch; 45 K-Kt 3, B-K 3; 46 Q-R 8 ch, B-Kt 1; 47 R×P ch, K-K 1; 48 R-B 7, Resigns.

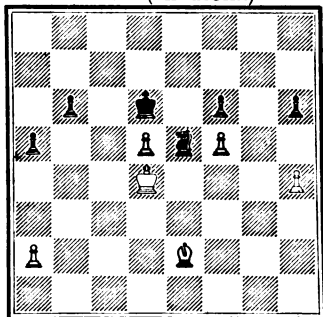
BLACK (LOUIS)



WHITE (MARIN)

The following was the ending in Crépeaux-Skalicka, Section D, Round 3. It was Skalicka's turn to play.

BLACK (SHALICKA)



WHITE (CRÉPEAUX)

The finish was: 49... P-Kt 4; 50 B×P, Kt-B 6 ch; 51 K-K 4, Kt-K 4! 52 P-R 3, K-B 4; 53 B-K 2, Kt-B 7; 54 B-B 3, Kt-K 3 ch; 55 K-B 4, Kt-B 5; 56 P-R 4, Kt-Kt 7; 57 K-Kt 4, Kt×P; 58 K-R 5, Kt-B 6; 59 B-Kt 2, P-R 5; 60 B-B 1, K×P; 61 White resigns.

MR. H. B. UBER AND THE BROMLEY EASTER TOURNAMENT.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE *B.C.M.*

SIR,—You will no doubt have noticed that I resigned from the chess tournament at Bromley.

The reason was that the tournament was not played as announced on the programme. It was stated that two rounds would be played on Saturday and one each on the other days making eight rounds in all. To my surprise I discovered on Saturday evening that the number of rounds had been increased to ten, which meant two games to be played on Tuesday and Thursday. The time limit is 17 moves per hour so that a session of four hours means only 34 moves, not sufficient to often finish a game at one sitting. The consequence is that two games a day means that not only does one have to play the entire day, morning, afternoon and evening, but one at least of the games is carried over to the following day, giving also a full day's chess for that day. I have a special objection to afternoon chess when playing in a tournament, as not only is there no time for proper meals, but it is also bad for the evening's play. On Saturday, for instance, I played for over ten hours and was only able to get ham sandwiches for lunch at 2-30, then after playing again I had some tea as I was due to continue at six o'clock. Meals just jumbled up together. I had no wish for four days of this the next week. I may say that I had been warned by competitors at the last Bromley congress some years ago, who told me they were simply tired out, and quite unable to do themselves justice, and they would never play again under the same conditions. I only entered the tournament because the conditions of play had been entirely altered. When I found that the conditions of play were quite as bad as at the previous Bromley congress I naturally resigned at once. I consider it was very lax of them not to have informed me of the changed conditions a few days before the commencement of the congress. I only stayed in London to play, as otherwise I should have gone away, so naturally my holiday was spoilt. I place these facts before you as I am sure you will hear a distorted version of the matter.

Yours faithfully,

H. B. UBER.

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April 16th, 1925.

BOYS' CHAMPIONSHIP AT HASTINGS.

For the third year in succession the Hastings Chess Club held a championship meeting for boys, and again the affair was very pleasant and successful. On this occasion play took place at the Club, not, as last year, at the Town Hall; and, instead of the main tournament starting on Easter Monday, it began on the Monday following, April 20th, so that it did not clash with any other chess gathering.

There were less competitors this year than last—24 against 36—so that the club room was able to accommodate them comfortably, and spectators could get a good view of all the boards. The 24 players were divided into four preliminary sections of six each, of which the results were :—

Section I—C. Bruning, $4\frac{1}{2}$; V. Soanes and F. L. Taylor, 3; G. H. Rowson and D. C. A. Gibbs, 2; R. Crouch, $\frac{1}{2}$.

Section II—H. C. Lewis, $3\frac{1}{2}$; A. Mortlock, 3; E. S. Bensinger and A. F. Behmber, $2\frac{1}{2}$; Rupert Cross, 2; B. Banister, $1\frac{1}{2}$.

Section III—W. H. Pratten (holder), 5; A. E. Smith and J. Dengate, 3; A. C. Steadman, 2; C. A. Vircham and R. F. George, 1.

Section IV—H. T. Reeve, 4; I. H. Wechsler and R. W. Dodds, $3\frac{1}{2}$; E. Beecher and W. L. Sterling, 2; R. S. Hunter, 0.

The championship proper began on the evening of April 23rd, continued next evening, and was concluded on the morning of April 25th, the contestants, with schools, and ages (in brackets) being :—

W. H. Pratten, Esplanade High School, Southsea (16); H. T. Reeve, St. Paul's (16); H. C. Lewis, Taunton School, Southampton (17); and C. Bruning, Ealing Priory (13).

In the first round Lewis played a Ruy Lopez against the holder and got him into difficulties in the opening. Pratten recovered, however, and gaining the Exchange, was able to force a winning ending. Bruning, in a Queen's Gambit Declined against Reeve, lost a Pawn, and later got a Knight shut off, which he sacrificed for two Pawns. Reeve then brought off a combination by which he won another piece and the game.

In Round 2 Reeve *v.* Pratten and Bruning *v.* Lewis were both, in effect, Queen's Gambits Declined. Pratten built up a very superior position, though material was level, and Reeve suddenly collapsed, resigning on the 26th move. The other game was a not very eventful draw.

In the last round Pratten very nearly had a shock. Opening with a Ponziani, which turned into a kind of Ruy Lopez after Bruning had played 3... P—Q 3, he got a strong-looking game; but Bruning defended so well that the situation changed entirely to the holder's disadvantage, and at last a sacrifice was obviously Black's policy. Bruning saw this, but unfortunately sacrificed the wrong piece, and Pratten, by giving up his Queen, for adequate compensation, was able to extricate himself, and a draw resulted. See the game below.

Lewis *v.* Reeve was a very heavy Lopez, in which all 16 Pawns were still on after 20 moves. Ten moves later a legitimate draw was agreed.

Table :—

	1	2	3	4	Score	
1 W. H. Pratten	—	I	$\frac{1}{2}$	I	$2\frac{1}{2}$	I
2 H. T. Reeve	0	—	I	$\frac{1}{2}$	$1\frac{1}{2}$	II
3 C. Bruning	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	—	$\frac{1}{2}$	I	III/
4 H. C. Lewis	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	—	I	IV

Pratten thus won his second victory in the event, and has now gone through two of these contests without losing a game. Though the opposition this year was not so strong as last (Papé, the only other eligible one of last year's finalists, being unable to come to Hastings this time), he showed that his game has improved by his practice at the Southampton C.C., where he has won second prize in the club tournament. He still plays rather too quickly and confidently, but we shall be surprised if he does not develop into a fine player by the time he ceases to be "boy champion." He has still another year, and may do the hat-trick.

Reeve is a player somewhat after the style of his former school-mate, E. J. Scrimgeour, working very hard at the game and generally consuming all his time. He produced some good games; as also did Lewis, whom some, on his form in his preliminary section, considered to have a chance of the championship. Bruning is extremely good at his age—13 years and 9 months—and most assuredly, if he continues to progress, get his name on the boys' championship roll before he reaches the age-limit. Of those who did not qualify for the top section Smith (Brighton) and Wechsler (St. Paul's) confirmed the good impression they made last year.

The prize-winners in the lower sections of the final were :—

1. I. H. Wechsler and A. E. Smith (2 points each) tied, Wechsler winning the play-off at "lightning" chess, after two draws, one at ordinary pace and one at lightning.

2. F. L. Taylor ($2\frac{1}{2}$), R. W. Dodds ($1\frac{1}{2}$, with a game to finish)

3. A. C. Steadman and G. H. Rowson ($2\frac{1}{2}$) tied, Steadman winning the play-off.

4. Rupert Cross and W. L. Starling (2 each) tied.

5. R. S. Hunter (3), R. F. George (2).

The inclusion in the prize-list of Rupert Cross, the young blind boy from Worcester, gave great satisfaction to everybody.

Viscountess Brassey very kindly consented to present the prizes at the Club on Saturday afternoon, April 25th, and so the congress came to its end. Very great credit is due to F. A. Riley, the congress hon. secretary, and H. E. Dobell, president, and other members of the Hastings C.C., who by their presence and work helped to achieve such a success.

We append two of the games:—

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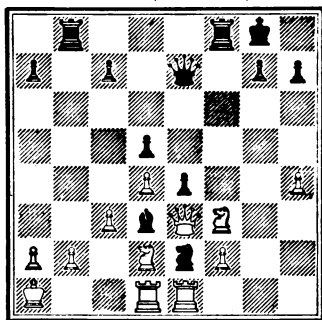
Ponziiani.

WHITE C. BRUNING	BLACK W. H. PRATTEN
1 P—K 4	P—K 4
2 Kt—K B 3	Kt—Q B 3
3 P—B 3	P—Q 3
4 P—Q 4	Kt—B 3
5 B—K Kt 5	B—K 2
6 B—Kt 5	Castles
7 K B×Kt	P×B
8 Q—Q 3	Kt—R 4
9 P—K R 4	P—K B 4
10 Q Kt—Q 2	P—Q 4
11 P×Q P	P—K 5
12 B×B	Q×B
13 Q—K 3	P×P
14 P—K Kt 3	P—B 5
15 P×P	Kt×P
16 R—K Kt 1	B—R 3
17 Castles	Kt—K 7 ch
18 K—Kt 1	B—Q 6 ch
19 K—R 1	Q R—Kt 1
.....Kt×R was simple : Black, however, was ambitious of something prettier.	
20 K R—K 1	R×P
(See diagram).	
21 K×R	Kt×B P
22 K×Kt	Q—R 6 ch
23 Kt—Kt 3	R×Kt
24 Q×R	P×Q

WHITE C. BRUNING	BLACK W. H. PRATTEN
.....To Kt×B P there appears no answer, for if 21 P×Kt, Q—R 6 and if 21 R—K B 1, Q—Kt 5. But Black had no time to spare !	
25 R×B	Q×P
26 R×P	Q—R 5
27 K—Kt 2	P—K R 3
28 R—Q R 1	Q—B 5
29 R—B 3	Draw agreed

Position after 20... , K R—K 1.

BLACK (BRUNING)



WHITE (PRATTEN)

GAME No. 5,392.

Reti's Opening.

WHITE W. H. PRATTEN	BLACK A. C. STEADMAN	WHITE W. H. PRATTEN	BLACK A. C. STEADMAN
1 Kt—K B 3	Kt—K B 3	19 P—K R 4	P—Q 5
2 P—B 4	P—Q 4	20 B×B	R×B
3 P—K 3	P—B 4	21 P—R 5	Kt—K 2
4 P—Q Kt 3	P—K 3	22 Q—K 2	P—R 3
5 B—Kt 2	Q Kt—Q 2	23 Q—Kt 4	P—Kt 3
6 Kt—B 3	P—Q Kt 3	24 R P×P	P×P
7 Q—B 2	B—Kt 2	25 Q—B 3	R—Q B 2
8 P—Q 3	B—K 2	26 R—Kt 4	K—R 2
9 B—K 2	Castles	27 P×P	P×P
10 Castles Q R	Kt—Kt 5	28 Q—K 4	Kt—B 4
11 K R—B 1	B—Q 3	29 Q R—Kt 1	R—K Kt 1
12 Kt—Q Kt 5	Q Kt—K 4	30 K—B 2	Q R—K Kt 2
13 P—K R 3	Kt×Kt	31 Q—R 1	Q—B 2
14 P×Kt	Kt—K 4	32 K—Q 2	Q—Q 3
15 R—Kt 1	P—Q R 3	33 P—R 3	Q—B 2
16 Kt×B	Q×Kt	34 B×P	Kt×B
17 P—B 4	Kt—Kt 3	35 Q×P ch	Resigns
18 B—K B 3	Q R—Kt 1		

S DIVAN IN THE STRANIC



the various players depicted, and cable on left, Rev. W. Wayte pla (bald head, profile) on extreme looking to Duffy is W. Donisthorpe the game. No one has so far e of picture, but to his left, with ott, the well-known problemist is s close to the latter. Just above ret, the French player, is sitting es of Boden, Anderssen and Morp

"PUNCH" AND CHESS.

The death in January last of Harry Furniss, the inimitable cartoonist and litterateur, revives an incident which has remained dormant some forty years.

Men who excel in the art of chess-play have, as a rule, specialised memories, as was instanced in the case referred to in our last volume (page 402), where it was described how Blackburne showed astonishing ability concerning a subject with which he was quite unacquainted, it being distinctly unassociated with chess. The performance on the occasion referred to, provided evidence that the faculty of memorising was a gift possessed by the great English master, which doubtless is enjoyed in varying degrees by all chess students.

Harry Furniss had no knowledge of our game, but the anecdote which the late Rev. G. A. Macdonnell (one of the best Amateur Masters of his time, who wrote under the pseudonym of "Mars.") gave me, links interestingly two arts. Early in 1885 Furniss was contributing to *Punch* a series of sketches of a humorous character, entitled: "Interiors and Exteriors of London." Macdonnell on meeting the Artist in the March of that year at the Savage Club in a sporting way suggested a picture of the chess-room at Simpson's Divan in the Strand, a historic arena of many notable chess battles between masters of bygone days and the then principal rendezvous in this country of amateurs and professionals. Even the famous Café de la Regence of Paris could not claim greater prestige. Furniss favoured the idea, and some days afterwards the two jovials visited the Divan which on the occasion was well attended by the elite of chessplayers. The genial parson introduced his guest to those he considered were sufficiently important for the *Punch* picture. Now comes an interesting happening. Furniss after a time remarked: "Here, George I must be away, it's getting late." "But," replied the other, "I thought you were to sketch this place and I've not even yet seen your pencil." "Oh! That's all right," said Furniss, "I'll see to it when I get back." Soon afterwards in the issue of *Punch* (4th April, 1885), "A Chess Divan in the Strand" with a number of habitués drawn to life, appeared. Macdonnell was naturally amazed. On next meeting the artist he complimented him upon the faithful depictions and his marvellous memory, adding he had made a hash of the ceiling of the salon. "Well, to tell the truth, I forgot to look above when taking stock of the place, and as there was no time to pay another visit, I thought a board with a few pieces would give the show a chess atmosphere and be appreciated," explained Furniss. This brought a cynical but friendly reproof that the over-head design lacked verisimilitude, as the position was not consistent with the laws of chess. With characteristic humour came the unabashed retort, "Be charitable in my ignorance," and one can imagine him quoting *fiat justitia ruat coelum*.

The Proprietors of *Punch* have kindly given the *B.C.M.* permission and facilities for reproducing Mr. Furniss' picture, which we have pleasure in presenting with the feeling that those of our readers who knew the players portrayed as they were forty years ago—the great majority alas! if not all, being no longer with us—will be glad to have pleasant memories refreshed, whilst others will doubtless be interested by making their acquaintance through the medium of the great Artist's clever work.

B.G.L.

PRZEPIORKA'S END-GAME.

Since our last issue we have received correct solutions of this study from D. Mackay (the former Hampstead player and problemist) and F. Jenkerson (Lowestoft).

Incorrect solutions have been received from J. C. Derlien (Southport), J. M. Harris (Edinburgh) and Allan Hayes (Southsea).

The curious thing is that every would-be solver gave the right initial move for White, 1 R—K 2. But, with the exception of Messrs. MacIsaac, Mackay and Jenkerson, they all failed to see that 1.., Q—Kt 1 is *not* satisfactorily answered by 2 Kt—B 6—the popular suggestion. The successful solvers pointed out the reason, *viz.*, that after 2 Kt—B 6, Q—Kt 8!; 3 R—K 8 ch, K—Kt 2; 4 R—Kt 8 ch, K—R 3!; 5 R×Q, Black is stalemated.

The correct second move for White is Kt—Kt 7—a very beautiful manoeuvre. If 2.., Q×Kt; 3 R—K 8 ch wins. If 2.., K×Kt; 3 R—Kt 2 ch wins. And if Black moves a Pawn, then 3 R—K 8 wins.

Mr. Mackay writes to us that “this end-game quite deserves to be called extraordinary.” He had been assured by several people that there was “nothing in it”; but our notice last month prompted him to try for the correct solution, which he found.

We do not wish to be malicious, but we would ask those solvers who wrote to us as follows if they do not think that they were somewhat hasty:

One is tempted to say, in the words of Harry Lauder, ‘It’s a joke.’ That Lasker or Tarrasch, much less ‘both’ should have been ‘puzzled’ to solve a problem, which surely is no problem at all, is too much for one’s credulity.

If this (2 Kt—B 6) is right, I do not think it a very hard problem.

We had this problem in the ——— a little while ago, and I believe quite a number of correct solutions were sent in. Hope the above solution (2 Kt—B 6) is correct.

In conclusion, we may state that Mr. Amos Burn points out to us that 2 Kt—B 6 *does* win! After Q—Kt 8; 3 Kt—R 5, Q—Kt 1, White can play 4 Kt—Kt 7, etc. But here, truly, “It’s a joke.”

(By a misprint in our April issue the White Rook was made to stand on Q B 1 instead of Q B 2 and the Black King on K R 2 instead of K R 1; but the diagram in the March issue was correct.)

HUMPELDINCK'S OPENING.

This may be fairly described as the *dernier cri* of hypermodernity, the most up-to-date of the "hypermodern" openings. No trace of it is to be found in the writings of the old masters. It is likely, indeed, that many of them would have regarded White's opening moves as sheer waste of time. But White, like the famous General Trochu, has a plan. He wishes to lure Black into a premature occupation of the centre.

The first column (a correspondence game between the University of Helsingfors and the Elsinore Veterans' Association) admirably illustrates the subtlety of the Humpeldinck strategy. At first sight it might seem that Black had the better developed game and that, in the jargon of the uninstructed world, he was several moves ahead. It is claimed, however, by Herr Humpeldinck that White retains the initiative.

Black does not know: (1) on which side White means to Castle; (2) whether he means to Castle at all; (3) whether it is White's intention to attack, (a) in the centre, (b) on the King's side, (c) on the Queen's side, or (d) nowhere. Probably indeed, White does not know himself.

It is regretted that, for technical reasons, the beautiful game in col. 2, played in the recent championship of Lapland, was not fought out to a conclusion. Subsequent analysis has failed to refute Professor Woodschifter's ingenious defence.

R.W.B.

HUMPELDINCK'S OPENING.

1	2	3
1 Kt—Q R 3		
P—K 4 (a)	Kt—Q R 3 ! (c)	P—Q R 4 (e)
2 Kt—Kt 1	Kt—Kt 1	Kt—Kt 1
Kt—K B 3	Kt—Kt 1	P—Q Kt 4 (f)
3 Kt—K R 3	Kt—K R 3	P—Q Kt 3
P—Q 4	Kt—K R 3	P—Kt 5
4 Kt—Kt 1	Kt—Kt 1	B—Kt 2
Kt—B 3	Kt—Kt 1	P—R 5
5 P—Q Kt 3	Kt—Q R 3	P—Q B 3
B—Q 3	Kt—Q R 3	P—R 6
6 B—Kt 2	Kt—Kt 1	B—B 1
O—O	Kt—Kt 1	P—K 3
7 Kt—K B 3	Kt—K R 3	Kt—B 3
B—K Kt 5	Kt—K R 3	B—Kt 2
8 P—Kt 3	Kt—Kt 1	Q—B 2
R—K 1	Kt—Kt 1 (d)=	Kt—K B 3
9 B—Kt 2 (b)		P—K 3 (g)

(a) Correspondence, 1924. University of Helsingfors v. Elsinore Veterans

(b) Completing the double fianchetto.

(c) Humpeldinck v. Woodschifter, Viborg, 1925.

(d) And White claimed a draw by recurrence of position. He could not play either 9 Kt—Q R 3 ! or 9 Kt—K R 3 without giving his opponent a similar option.

(e) The Nova Zembla variation.

(f) Match by telegram between Raykjavik and Honolulu (still in progress).

(g) Continued 9... B—K 5; 10 P—Q 3, B×Kt; 11 P×B. Both sides avoid the centre as the Devil is said to avoid holy water.

CHESS NOTES AND PROBLEMS.

(Continued from page 157).

My accumulation of envelopes marked "Cross Word Puzzle No. 1" is getting quite large; it is evident therefore that some subscribers appreciate this form of entertainment. I should like to give extracts from the letters of others, who beg the Editor not to cheapen the magazine nor to pander to the depraved tastes of the unintellectuals!

The answers to Problems for Juniors, page 156, are as follows:—
 Problem No. 3: (a) 1 P—Kt 3 draws for if 1... K—B 6; 2 K—K 2, K—Kt 7; 3 K—Q 2, K×P; 4 K—B 2, K—R 8; 5 K—B 1. Of course if now 5... P—R 7, 6 K—B 2, P—B 5; 7 P×P must be played still only drawing, because of the stalemate, and White cannot afford to pass the Pawn by 7 P—Kt 4, because Black's Pawn Queen's first. (b) Black wins. 1... K—B 6; 2 K—K 2, (only chance), K—K 7; 3 K—Q 2, K×P; 4 K—B 2, P—B 5; 5 K—B 1 (There is nothing better), K—Kt 6; 6 K—Kt 1, P—R 7 ch; 7 K—R 1, and now Black abandons his R P, captures the White Pawn, and Queens his remaining Pawn.

Problem No. 4. This is a position from Dumont's *Elements of Chess*, reviewed last month, with colours reversed. White mates in four by 1 Q—R 3 ch, K—Kt 4; 2 P—B 4 ch, B×P; 3 R×B, K×R; 4 Q—Kt 3 mate.

The solutions to the Problems for Seniors are:—Problem No. 3 was specially composed by A. W. Daniel, and is a win for White by 1 R—B 1 ch, K—K 1 (best); 2 R—K 1 ch, K—Q 1; 3 R—Q 1 ch, K—B 1; 4 K—Q 6 dis ch; K—Q 1; 5 K—K 6 dis ch, K—K 1; 6 R—B 8 checkmate. If 4... K—Kt 1; 5 R—Kt 1 ch and mates next move. Problem No. 4 I have frequently obtained from a French Defence, as follows: 1 P—K 4, P—K 3; 2 P—Q B 4, P—Q 4; 3 P×P, P×P; 4 P×P, Q×P; 5 P—Q 4, Kt—K B 3; 6 Kt—Q B 3, B—Kt 5; 7 Kt—B 3, B—Kt 5; 7 B—K 2, Castles Q R.

In a game between M. Nobel and E. Colle, the following was the opening: 1 P—Q 4, P—Q 4; 2 Kt—K B 3, Kt—Q B 3; 3 P—K 3, B—Kt 5; 4 P—B 4, P—K 4; 5 B P×P, Q×P; 6 Kt—B 3, B—Kt 5; 7 B—K 2, Castles. If, however Black plays 7... P×P; 8 P×P, Castles, the same position is arrived at.

In the game as given on page 156, 4... Kt—K B 3 is better than Q×P. 7 Kt—B 3 is bad, B—K 2 is the correct move, for in reply to Kt—B 3, B×Kt; 8 Kt×Q, B×Q; 9 Kt×P ch, K—Q 1; 10 Kt×R, B—Kt 5 is in favour of Black, as the White Knight cannot be saved.

I prefer 3... P×P and on 4 B—Q B 4, P×P; 5 B×P, P—Q 4, called Schlechter's Defence.

Now as to solutions sent in for the March problems. Only eight have sent in for the "Juniors," four of whom are newcomers. I scarcely know what to do with so small a number; as to the "Ladder" question, I think in this case we must start again, in which case no prize can be awarded till some half-dozen sets have been done. Generally the answers to Problem 1 are fairly satisfactory, but to No. 2 only one has indicated that if Black in answer to 1 P—Q 6 plays K—K 1 White must counter by K—B 4 not K—K 4.

One solver starts 1 P—B 6, K—Q 1; this is pure carelessness, but makes it difficult to award marks. Many have solved it to their satisfaction by 1... K—K 1; 2 K—K 4 or 1... K—B 1; 2 K—B 4, but this is incorrect. In this latter case, for instance, 2... K—Kt 2; 3 K—Q 5, K—Kt 3; 4 K—K 4, K—Kt 4 (not K—B 3 for 5 K—K 5 wins). Unfortunately I have no time this month to point out the errors as I should like to have done. The marks are (ten being maximum for each problem) "Knowsley" 8, 9, 17. "Rook" 6, 10, 16. "E.H.K.B." 7, 9, 16; "Pawn" 7, 9, 16; "Tyro" 7, 8, 15; "R.D.D." 7, 6, 13; "Lopez" 7, 6, 13; "Synops." 8, 5, 13.

There are fourteen solvers to the Senior Problems; here again the number is so small, that it would be quite absurd to credit old solvers with their past totals and we must start again, and hope the two classes will sufficiently increase in numbers to make the competitive part of value.

I shall of course be far harder on mistakes in the "Senior" Class!

The End Game was sent me by "O.L.T.," an old solver, with the solution as given on page 154, but another old solver, who has taken the pseudonym of "Pussycat" has been the only one to show that the solution fails, and that the game was rightly adjudicated a draw; for after 2 K—K 3, P—Kt 6! 3 K—B 4, K—Q 5; 4 K×Kt P, K—K 6; 5 K—R 3, P—B 5; and White cannot win with P—Kt 4 because of K×P. If 2 P×P, B P×P; 3 K—K 3(or 4) P—Kt 6! 4 K—B 4, K—Q 5; 5 K×P, K—K 4; 6 K—B 3, K—B 4; 7 P—Kt 3, K—K 4. He therefore is the only one to secure 10 marks, and all solvers who have sent in a solution with "White wins" lose two marks, apart from other marks for not giving the best lines in the variations they do give.

As to the Problem on the Opening many favoured 6 or 7... P—Q 4, but Black did not want to undouble the Q B P. Perhaps solvers are correct in saying White might preferably have played 7 P—K 4. The solvers, and their marks are: "Pussycat" 10, 7, 17; "G.A.W." 6, 8, 14; "Nemo" 6, 7, 13; "A.A." 5, 7, 12; "Delta" 5, 7, 12; "Quanta" 5, 6, 11; "Clare" 5, 6, 11; "Cic" 5, 5, 10; "Gambit" 4, 6, 10; "Nuorb" 5, 5, 10; "T.E.S." 6, 3, 9; "N.M." 3, 6, 9; "O.L.T." —, 8, 8; "Beta" 3, 5, 8; "Sirius" —, 4, 7.

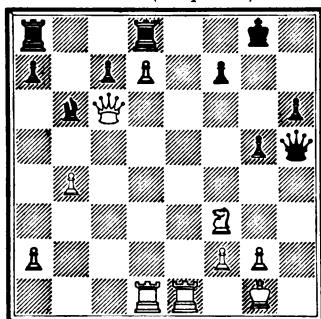
ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.—"Pussycat"—Thanks, quite recovered. Driving the car and playing golf again. You did not query White's bad fourth move. "G.A.W."—Quite a good principle, if you *know*. In No. 1 you omit Black's best line. "A.A."—In your solution of No. 1 under (a) Black's 4th move should be P—Kt 6. The other lines are weaker, and therefore worthless. I cannot follow (c) If 5... K—K 4, for 4 was K—K 4. I hope the congestion has disappeared. "Quanta"—Yes, about right. "Clare"—No, I do not think the suggested sacrifice is sound. See answer to "Nemo" *re* No. 1. "Gambit"—I appreciate your remarks, but it is almost impossible to find time to do it. "J.B."—In No. 1 you fail in your sub-variation to give Black's 5... P—Kt 6. "T.E.S."—In your third variation Black's 4th move should be P—Kt 6. "N.M."—If 6 Q—Q 3, B—Kt 2; 7 Q—Kt 3, Castles; 8 B—R 6, Kt—K 1; 9 B—Kt 5, P—B 3; 10 B—B 4, P—Q 3. I prefer Black's development.

In No. 1 you give 1., $P \times P$ (a), but no (a) appears, and $P \times P$ is the weakest line for Black. "Beta"—Your solutions of end-games must be carried further, "and wins" is easy to write, but not always to prove! "O.L.T."—I accept your apologies! "Sirius"—We differ considerably over No. 2! In No. 1, you are not prepared to give White a fighting chance. It is the easiest draw possible, but that is not the point of such a problem. Can it be won?—well, now we know it cannot, but many good players thought $P-R 4$ did win. "Nemo"—You omit Black's best line as shown in the solution given on page 154.

PROBLEMS FOR JUNIORS.

Problem No. 5.

BLACK (10 pieces)



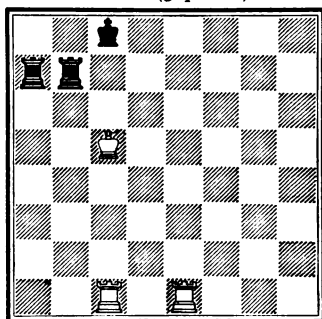
WHITE (10 pieces)

White to play.

How should he continue?

Problem No. 6.

BLACK (3 pieces)



WHITE (3 pieces)

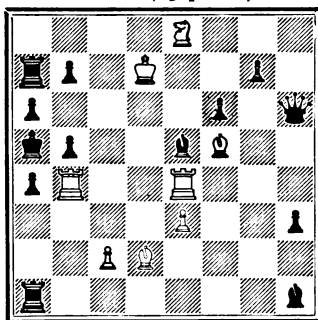
White to play.

What result and how?

PROBLEMS FOR SENIORS.

Problem No. 5.

BLACK (13 pieces)

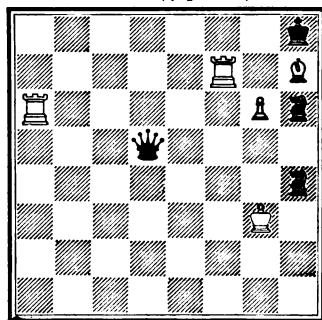


WHITE (8 pieces)

White to play and win.

Problem No. 6.

BLACK (4 pieces)



WHITE (5 pieces)

White to play.

What result and how?

Solutions to be sent to R. C. Griffith, 18 Wedderburn Road, London, N.W.3.

NEWS FROM THE DOMINIONS AND FOREIGN LANDS.

The Baden-Baden Masters' Tournament.—This big event began on April 16th, with no less than 21 competitors: Alekhine, Bogoljuboff, Carls, Colle, Grünfeld, Marshall, Mieses, Nimzovitch, Rabinovitch, Reti, Rosselli del Turco, Rubinstein, Sämisch, Spielmann, Tarrasch, Tartakover, te Kolste, Sir George Thomas, Torre, Treybal and Yates.

At the end of the 8th round Rubinstein had scored 7, and Alekhine (who had had a bye) $6\frac{1}{2}$, Yates was then 3, and Thomas $2\frac{1}{2}$.

New Zealand.—The brilliancy prize at the recent championship congress at Nelson has been awarded to our esteemed contributor, F. K. Kelling, who has thus had the satisfaction of securing this prize on three occasions—in 1905, 1915 and 1925. May this decennial effort long continue! For the game itself see a later page.

The "best recovery" prize in the same tournament was awarded to J. A. Moir for his drawn game with E. A. Hicks, after he had been two Pawns down.

The donors of the two prizes on this occasion were Messrs. P. Kummer and Kelling, respectively; and the judges were Messrs. A. W. O. Davies, O. Balk and L. D. Coombs, all of Dunedin.

Australia.—The Melbourne C.C. is considering the question of holding an annual Christmas congress, with the view of raising the standard of Australian chess; and J. A. Pietzeker, the originator of the idea, has promised financial support.

For the Victorian championship this year there are only eight entries:—M. Bannan, A. Burr, W. Coultas, M. Fox, S. Merkel, C. Moulin, M. Read and E. Stanes. The holder, C. J. Watson, was prevented by ill-health from defending the title.

South Africa.—The Durban C.C. is sounding the various chess organisations throughout the country with a view to the formation of a federation.

In the tie-match between F. W. Dunbar and C. J. Sandstrom for the championship of the Pretoria C.C., the former scored $2\frac{1}{2}$ to $1\frac{1}{2}$.

There is a scheme afoot for a "Southern Hemisphere Tournament" at Capetown, in which Dr. J. De Souza Mendes (who will be remembered as a participant in the Margate Congress), will represent Brazil; and other South American entries are hoped for.

Kenya Colony.—The final figures of Kostich's exhibition games in Nairobi, were:—Played 93; won 79; drawn 10; lost 4. The

amended figures of his South African tour are :—Played 539 ; won 464 ; drawn 66 ; lost 9. *The East African Standard* is pleased at the slightly better percentage of points scored by Nairobi.

France.—On March 25th, Hyères went to Nice to play the local club, who last year beat them 5—0. This time Hyères had their revenge. As several of the players are known to our readers, we give the full score :—

HYÈRES.				NICE.			
1	A. J. Maas	..	..	1	M. Kahn	..	0
2	Col. Stuart Prince	..	0		G. Renaud	..	1
3	R. de Pampelonne	..	1		Comte de Villeneuve-Esclapon	..	0
4	J. E. Stevens	..	1		Sir W. Watson-Rutherford	..	0
5	Comte de Gasquet	..	0		Dr. O. L. Tellings	..	1
				3			
							2

Sir W. Watson Rutherford entertained the teams to dinner after the match.

The contest for the Tauber Cup (the Paris section of the French club championship tournament) has been gained by the Echecs du Palais-Royal, who won all their matches and scored 20 games to 4. The Académie were second, the Fou du Roi third, the Echecs de la Rive Gauche fourth, and the Echiquier Notre-Dame last.

Germany.—F. Sämisch has won the tournament for the championship of Berlin.

On April 11th the well-known master, Professor Johann Berger, celebrated his 80th birthday.

Czecho-Slovakia.—We owe an apology to the League of Nations for accidentally annexing Marienbad to Germany in our last issue ! The Marienbad tournament is timed to begin, as far as actual play is concerned, on Sunday, May 24th, and to finish on Saturday, June 6th, the prize-distribution taking place next day. The prizes are 5,000, 3,500, 2,000, 1,500, 1,250 and 1,000 Kronen, and *The Daily Telegraph*, London, is giving an extra prize of £10 to the English competitor making the best score.

In addition to Sir George Thomas and F. D. Yates, there will be a third English player, R. P. Michell. In all there are to be 14 competitors.

Hungary.—In a tournament of eight players at Győr Chalupetzky and Gruber tied for first and second prizes.

Budapest received a visit from Vienna, and a 20-board match resulted in a tie of 10-10. Z. Balla was defeated on the top board by E. Grünfeld, but on the second board Dr. A. Vajda beat H. Kmoch.

Belgium.—In a simultaneous tour, after leaving England, Rubinstein played 105 games, winning 84, drawing 15 and losing 6.

Brazil.—At Sao Paulo on February 7th Richard Réti beat the record which Alekhine had set up only six days previously for blind-fold play. Alekhine met 28 opponents; but Réti went one better, playing 29 games, of which he won 20, drew 7 and lost 2. Alekhine's average, however, was 78 per cent. of wins, which was considerably better than Réti's 70 per cent.

A match between L. Vianna and C. Pulcherio for the championship of Rio de Janiero was won by the former 4—2.

We have received the first two numbers of *Xeque Mate*, a Brazilian chess magazine, under the able editorship of Senhor L. Vianna. We wish our new contemporary all success.

REVIEW.

Schachschule für Anfänger. By Dr. F. Palitzsch. Berlin and Leipzig: Walter de Gruyter & Co. M. 2.50.

A new and, to those who read German, useful little elementary work on chess has been sent to us by the publishers. It escapes the fault of many such books, *viz.*, over-ambition, and sets out the nature of the game simply and clearly, which is what is wanted by beginners, rather than too much philosophy! That can come afterwards, in due season; but to many starting the game it is repellent rather than attractive.

NEWS FROM THE BRITISH ISLES.

The County Championships in 1924-5: Southern Counties Chess Union.

Section I: Devon beat Cornwall $13\frac{1}{2}$ — $2\frac{1}{2}$.

Section II: Gloucester beat Somerset 11—5, after their first match being drawn $8\frac{1}{2}$ all.

Section III: Hants beat Dorset by $11\frac{1}{2}$ — $4\frac{1}{2}$ in both matches.

Section IV: Herts beat Beds. twice with the same score, 10—6; Berks. beat Beds. 12—4; Berks. beat Herts. $8\frac{1}{2}$ — $7\frac{1}{2}$ and thus won the section.

Section V: Middlesex beat Surrey $10\frac{1}{2}$ — $9\frac{1}{2}$, Sussex $10\frac{1}{2}$ — $5\frac{1}{2}$; Kent $12\frac{1}{2}$ — $7\frac{1}{2}$, Essex $13\frac{1}{2}$ — $4\frac{1}{2}$. Total 4. Average 63·2 per cent. Surrey beat Sussex $9\frac{1}{2}$ — $6\frac{1}{2}$, Kent 13—4, Essex 12— $4\frac{1}{2}$. Total 3. Average 63·7 per cent. Sussex beat Kent $9\frac{1}{2}$ — $6\frac{1}{2}$, Essex $8\frac{1}{2}$ — $7\frac{1}{2}$. Total 2. Average 46·8 per cent. Kent beat Essex 9—7. Total 1. Average 39·1 per cent. Essex. 0. Total Average 34·5 per cent.

In the semi-finals: Devon (group 1) lost to Somerset (group 2) by 11—5; Hants (group 3) beat Berks. (group 4) by 9—7. Somerset met Hants at Salisbury on March 4th and won by 8½—7½. This victory entitles Somerset to hold the Montague Jones cup for one year and to play Middlesex (group winners) in the final of the championship on April 23rd.

In the Midland Union championship.—Southern Section: Leicestershire beat Northamptonshire 14—4; Worcester beat Oxford 8½—7½; in the play-off Worcester beat Leicester 10—7. Northern Section: Warwick beat Notts 7—6, after the elimination of one game; Stafford beat Shropshire 12—7; Warwick then just beat Stafford, again by the elimination of the last game, and in the final against Worcester won somewhat easily by 11½ to 5½.

In the Northern Counties championship Lancashire beat Cheshire 8½—6½; but lost to Yorkshire by 14—16.

Finals in April.—The early days of April were notable for the number of finals played. Each of the three Unions has now discovered its champion. On another page will be found the result of the unfinished games which gives Yorkshire the palm in the Northern Counties Chess Union.

M.C.C.U.—In the Midlands, Warwickshire beat Worcestershire by 11½ to 5½ on April 4th, at the Y.M.C.A., Birmingham. The Worcester men have shown such good form and enterprise during the season that their rather heavy defeat is disappointing; but of course Warwick were doughty opponents and took no risks with their team. Full score:—

WARWICKSHIRE.					WORCESTERSHIRE.				
1	A. J. Mackenzie	..	..	½	T. H. Tylor	..	..	..	½
2	F. G. Butcher	..	..	½	E. E. Westbury	..	..	..	½
3	F. H. Terrill	..	..	1	F. G. Jones	..	..	..	0
4	A. F. Kallaway	..	..	½	W. C. Roberts	..	..	..	½
5	W. Beeson	..	..	1	A. T. Griffith	..	..	..	0
6	A. R. Chamberlain	..	..	1	M. A. Prentice	..	..	..	0
7	E. B. Conway	..	..	0	A. James	..	..	..	1
8	J. J. Spence	..	..	1	C. H. Knight	..	..	..	0
9	F. V. Dix	..	..	½	E. F. Fardon	..	..	..	½
10	F. J. Roden	..	..	1	Rev. A. P. Lacy Hulbert	..	..	..	0
11	A. J. Bollen	..	..	1	L. C. Munn	..	..	..	0
12	G. H. Edwards	..	..	1	F. G. Hale	..	..	..	0
13	J. W. Wilder	..	..	½	D. W. Wooldridge	..	..	..	½
14	R. Filkin	..	..	½	G. C. Brown	..	..	..	½
15	P. Allender	..	..	½	R. F. Allen	..	..	..	½
16	W. T. Bayliss	..	..	1	F. W. Trent	..	..	..	0
17	J. W. Jackson	..	..	0	B. C. Ashford	..	..	..	1
11½					5½				

Warwickshire have now won five times running and twelve times in all since the competition was instituted in 1898.

How they came up from Somerset.—The gallant team from the county where the cider apples grow, came up to London town on April 25th to sacrifice themselves on the shrine of Moloch, in other words, to play Middlesex for the championship of the Southern Counties Chess Union. If sheer grit could have won the title they would have taken it back with them, but the masters and sub-masters of the game who dwell on the North bank of the Thames could only be beaten by superior play, and although it was out of the power of the country team to accomplish this, they only lost by 10—6, a really fine effort.



Major E. MONTAGUE JONES with the Montague Jones Cup.

They did not go back empty handed, however, as they had already won the Montague Jones cup. At a most pleasant little function before they left for their long railway journey, the donor of the trophy, Major E. Montague Jones, in presenting it to their genial and homely (but very practical) secretary, Mr. Henry Powell, congratulated them heartily on winning the cup for 1925. Mr. Sydney Robinson, formerly M.P. for Bath, responded on behalf of Somerset, and stated that the

cup would be deposited at the Art Gallery, Bath, where it could be seen by all and sundry. Score as under :—

MIDDLESEX.				SOMERSET.			
1	M. E. Goldstein	..	0	Capt. P. D. Bolland	..	..	1
2	B. E. Siegheim	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	C. Duffield	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$
3	H. Meek	..	0	H. Parsons	..	..	1
4	H. Saunders	..	0	Rev. E. W. Poynton	..	..	1
5	W. H. Regan	..	1	G. Breakwell	..	..	0
6	R. C. Griffith	..	1	D. Campbell	..	..	0
7	W. E. Bonwick	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	J. L. Palmer	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$
8	J. W. Morling	..	0	L. Vine	..	..	1
9	W. H. Watts	..	1	Commander R. D. Graham	..	..	0
10	J. H. Morrison	..	1	B. T. Barker	..	..	0
11	R. F. Goldstein	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	J. Blair	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$
12	E. S. Shaw	..	1	H. Powell	..	..	0
13	W. Jones	..	1	C. Holman	..	..	0
14	S. P. J. Merlin	..	1	Sydney Robinson	..	..	0
15	R. Eastman	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	J. D. Howell	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$
16	A. G. Kershaw	..	1	J. Kemp	..	..	0
10				6			

Middlesex are now looking forward to December 12th when they must meet the winner of the Yorkshire—Warwickshire match for proud title of English County champion. If the Northern team are

successful against Warwickshire where will the match with Middlesex be played? Last year Yorkshire came to London but lost to Surrey, the present holders. Some of their supporters expressed an opinion that future matches should be less near the Equator!

Last of the Giants.—Middlesex won their 100 a-side contest with Surrey (April 4th, at Central Hall, Westminster) in no uncertain fashion. On the first 50 boards they scored 33 to 17, and on the full 100 by 65 to 35. They have therefore won the Amboyna shield for the first year of the competition, and fully deserve this distinction. In five matches they scored 117 points to their opponents, 83, made up as follows: Beat Essex 29½—20½, beat Kent 27—23; beat Surrey 33—17; and beat Sussex 27½—22½.

MIDDLESEX.	SURREY.	MIDDLESEX.	SURREY.
1 B. E. Sieghelm .. ½	R. P. Michell .. ½	51 J. D. Sayle .. 0	F. C. Willey .. 1
2 W. H. Regan .. 1	J. H. Blake .. 0	52 C. E. Simpson .. 1	A. C. Hoggett .. 0
3 W. E. Bonwick .. 0	E. Macdonald .. 1	53 F. L. Hall .. 1	H. E. Hyatt .. 0
4 R. C. Griffith .. 1	J. Butland .. 0	54 G. L. Sutton .. 0	F. W. Bond .. 1
5 P. W. Sergeant .. 0	H. G. Felce .. 1	55 F. Williamson .. ½	J. M. Churchfield .. ½
6 Dr. F. S. Duncan .. 0	G. Wernick .. 1	56 G. T. Jones .. ½	G. A. Adolphus .. ½
7 J. W. Moring .. ½	R. H. Birch .. 1	57 E. Marx .. 1	D. J. Ballantine .. 0
8 E. S. Shaw .. 1	W. L. Brierley .. 0	58 W. Eldridge .. 0	A. W. Hale .. 1
9 F. W. Boff .. ½	Dr. Steadman .. ½	59 R. B. Goddard .. 1	W. J. Dann .. 0
10 W. H. Watts .. 1	Default .. 0	60 H. L. Tinkler .. ½	F. E. Ward .. ½
11 A. G. Kershaw .. 0	T. W. Letchworth .. 1	61 W. A. Conway .. 0	T. L. Payne .. 1
12 J. H. Morrison .. ½	W. Henderson .. 0	62 L. James .. 1	F. O. Coleman .. 0
13 S. P. J. Merlin .. 0	T. H. Robertson .. 1	63 W. G. Boys .. 1	Default .. 0
14 A. M. Ewbank .. 0	A. D. Barlow .. 1	64 J. E. Duke .. 1	H. Hoesgood .. 0
15 H. V. Butfield .. 1	J. E. Redon .. 0	65 A. H. Mitchell .. ½	W. R. Ferguson .. ½
16 V. Ray .. ½	C. Collier .. ½	66 F. W. Jones .. 1	H. H. Hayward .. 0
17 W. Jones .. 1	W. W. Starling .. 0	67 B. Talbot .. 1	D. F. Dallas .. 0
18 E. Billen .. ½	F. E. Yewdall .. ½	68 C. J. Kingston .. 0	W. C. Pressy .. 1
19 H. Ford .. 1	E. J. Smith .. 0	69 H. Wilson .. 1	C. M. Donelan .. 0
20 T. E. Cadby .. 0	H. Brown .. 1	70 S. G. Hughes .. 1	A. Blackburne .. 0
21 F. J. Camm .. 1	F. C. Felce .. 0	71 A. D. Beckwith .. 0	G. B. Earle .. 0
22 J. H. Bentinck .. 1	Default .. 0	72 F. W. G. Murch .. 1	E. Aldridge .. 1
23 G. P. Kitchener .. ½	G. R. Hardcastle .. ½	73 A. Edwards .. 0	H. Aldridge .. 1
24 K. G. Jayne .. 1	W. P. Plummer .. 0	74 M. A. Adler .. ½	P. W. Tempest .. ½
25 E. Williams .. ½	F. Vincent .. ½	75 Mrs. Ewbank .. 1	W. K. Ryan .. 0
26 W. W. Brougham .. 1	Default .. 0	76 H. W. Jeans .. 1	G. A. Peskett .. 0
27 W. Henderson .. ½	J. A. Jordan .. ½	77 A. J. Dennis .. 1	R. E. Patrick .. 0
28 D. Mackay .. 1	A. C. Nickol .. 0	78 S. J. Levi .. 1	W. A. Rowstone .. 0
29 W. S. Wallis .. ½	F. H. O. Jerram .. ½	79 Rev. P. Stanley .. 1	J. H. Albrecht .. 0
30 G. Devine .. ½	H. S. Anderson .. ½	80 A. B. Steel .. 0	A. M. Williams .. 1
31 J. S. Brooks .. ½	E. Henderson .. ½	81 W. S. Rhymes .. ½	C. P. Clunie .. ½
32 R. G. Armstrong .. 1	H. W. Smart .. 0	82 E. H. Cooke .. 0	A. Rooke .. 1
33 A. E. Thomas .. 0	E. F. J. Smart .. 1	83 R. J. Minns .. ½	W. Barnes .. ½
34 S. Meymott .. 1	E. McIntyre .. 0	84 F. J. Thornton .. 1	D. R. Mitchell .. 0
35 F. Salmony .. 1	A. Bain .. 0	85 L. Piyamedhi .. 0	A. H. Thomas, Sr. .. 1
36 C. E. Simon .. 1	T. H. Moore .. 0	86 E. Harris .. 1	E. Bronnle .. 0
37 F. Artis .. 1	C. B. Willis .. 0	87 J. W. Moss .. 1	S. H. Edney .. 0
38 A. H. Kennedy .. 1	P. S. Harding .. 0	88 I. Cohen .. 1	H. J. Lawrence .. 0
39 E. A. Cave .. 1	Mrs. Michell .. 0	89 B. Cares .. 1	V. Brooks .. 0
40 F. Hooper .. 1	W. P. Willis .. 0	90 G. W. Johnson .. ½	B. A. Walters .. ½
41 H. V. Brown .. 1	A. Lockie .. 0	91 H. G. V. Oldham .. 1	W. J. Bishop .. 0
42 G. W. Yonge .. 0	H. Evans .. 1	92 W. H. Hipkiss .. 1	W. Randall .. 0
43 A. de Silva .. 1	F. B. Gibson .. 0	93 T. Guiver .. 1	A. H. Hughes .. 0
44 H. A. Brady .. 0	W. Evans .. 1	94 F. J. Heal .. 0	W. F. Yador .. 1
45 L. T. Harris .. 1	E. Wilkinson .. 0	95 Rev. A. Ewbank .. 1	W. H. Goodson .. 0
46 W. A. Simkins .. 1	D. M. Gracie .. 0	96 R. K. Beesley .. 1	J. Parrott .. 0
47 M. Savage .. 1	G. A. Relleen .. 0	97 A. T. C. Joscelyne .. 1	E. N. Davis .. 1
48 A. C. Sutton .. 1	J. A. Barton .. 0	98 H. Blaikley .. 1	E. Sheather .. 0
49 S. B. Dawes .. 0	W. Bennett .. 1	99 H. M. Hutton .. 0	J. A. Chubb .. 1
50 R. C. Pritchard .. 1	A. J. Petty .. 0	100 Mrs. Jones .. 0	B. Herring .. 1
Amboyna Shield 33	17	Ebony Shield 65	35

The Middlesex match captain wishes to thank his players for the splendid loyalty they have shown during the past season. Out of 452 games actually played only one was lost by default, and in that instance, even, the player was in the room but felt indisposed.

The council meeting of the Southern Counties Chess Union was held at St. Bride's Institute, London, on February 28th. The chairman, Dr. W. Mansergh Varley, presided, supported by the vice-chairman F. W. Markwick and fourteen other delegates.

A vote of condolence, taken in silence, all standing, was offered to the relatives of last year's chairman, Arthur Hamilton, of Reading, who died two days after attending the last annual meeting.

The grouping of counties for the various competitions which takes place in 1925-6 season was arranged as follows:—

1. Union Championship: Group I, Devon, Cornwall; Group II, Gloucester, Somerset; Group III, Dorset, Hants; Group IV, Beds., Berks., Herts.; Group V, Essex, Kent, Middlesex, Surrey, Sussex,
2. Montague-Jones cup. First four groups as above play a semi-final and a final. Group V not eligible to compete.
3. Ebony shield, 100 a-side, Kent, Middlesex and Surrey.
4. Amboyna shield, 50 a-side, Essex, Kent, Middlesex, Surrey and Sussex.

Surrey Chess Association.—This active body holds its championships and competitions in spring and summer, and those who enter are expected to play three games a month. There are four events for which entries are now invited by the hon. secretary, F. F. L. Alexander, 8 Longstone Road, Streatham, S.W.17.

1. Challenge cup, carrying with it the County championship.
2. The Slater-Kennington cup.
3. The Felce cup.
4. The Wernick cup.

Entries in each event are limited to 20, divided into two sections. The section leaders will play off for prizes amounting to £25. The entrance fee for the Challenge cup is 5/- (with deposit of 15/-), and for each of the other events, 2/6 (with deposit, 7/6). Deposits are refundable to all competitors playing their games in accordance with the rules.

Northants Silver King Trophy.—Peterboro' and Northampton having tied in the final of this competition, the re-play took place at Peterboro on April 16th, when the home team won by six games to three and retain the Silver King Trophy.

PETERBORO'.					NORTHAMPTON.				
1	J. S. Burlingham	..	..	0	J. S. Greeves	..	..	..	1
2	C. H. Goodwin	..	..	1	F. W. Shaw	..	..	..	0
3	H. J. Wilson	..	..	1	W. W. Church	..	..	..	0
4	H. Colbert	..	..	0	W. T. Church	..	..	..	1
5	C. Peach	..	..	1	W. W. Cleaver	..	..	..	0
6	W. J. Cracknell	..	..	0	J. Barratt	..	..	..	1
7	Rev. W. A. Jones	..	..	1	H. De Bois Leach	..	..	..	0
8	Dr. T. E. Cotter	..	..	1	W. Handley	..	..	..	0
9	S. J. Calcutt	..	..	1	A. J. Bilson	..	..	..	0
6					3				

Leyton (holders) met Southend at Leyton on 4th April in the final for the Essex County championship. Two good teams were in opposition, though not entirely representative, and a stubborn battle ensued. As in the final last year, Leyton met with early disasters ; but steady play resulted in level scores $3\frac{1}{2}$ — $3\frac{1}{2}$ at call of "time." The outstanding game (No. 7) was given a win for the holders, who therefore retain the coveted Silver Rook.

LEYTON.						SOUTHEND.					
1	E. W. Osler	..	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	W. O. Woodfield	..	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	
2	E. W. Hart	..	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	F. Nettleton	..	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	
3	F. W. Markwick	..	..	..	0	A. Jones	..	..	..	1	
4	W. H. Taylor	..	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	F. Glennie	..	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	
5	G. F. Hawkins	..	..	..	1	G. Booth	..	..	..	0	
6	R. C. Harvey	..	..	..	0	R. Bazell	..	..	..	1	
7	E. Gare	..	..	..	1	R. E. Shepard	..	..	..	0	
8	F. D. Downton	..	..	..	1	R. Latham	..	..	..	0	
					4 $\frac{1}{2}$						

The preliminary programmes aroused the ire of the *Chess Monthly* by stating that the match was the biggest of chess events for 3,000 years. The London paper called on the promoters to produce a reliable account of any chess contest more than 130 years old, but states that it does not desire a repetition of "Duncan Forbes' Nursery Tales" backed up by translations of non-existing manuscripts!!

Yorkshire will now meet Warwickshire on October 10th, the survivor passing on to the final of the English Counties championship on December 12th, when Middlesex will be defenders on behalf of the South.

N.C.C.U. County championship, played at Leeds, March 21st, 1925:—

YORKSHIRE.					LANCASHIRE.				
1	H. E. Atkins	..	..	0	E. Spencer	..	..	..	I
2	C. R. Gurnhill	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	D. Joseph	..	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$
3	T. A. Staynes	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	Dr. H. Holmes	..	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$
4	G. W. Moses	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	J. Lewis	..	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$
5	W. Atkinson	..	..	I	A. Eva	..	..	..	0
6	P. Wenman	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	C. Y. C. Dawbarn	..	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$
7	E. Dale	..	..	0	T. Kelly	..	..	..	I
8	G. Barron	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	E. A. Greig	..	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$
9	A. Schofield	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	C. F. Burslem	..	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$
10	H. W. Hodginson	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	A. F. Morrell	..	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$
11	F. Schofield	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	S. Keir	..	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$
12	M. Jackson	..	..	0	W. Turner	..	..	..	I
13	W. H. Sparkes	..	..	I	R. J. Broadbent	..	..	..	0
14	W. J. Berryman	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	J. E. West	..	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$
15	J. J. Shields	..	..	0	G. Abrahams	..	..	..	I
16	C. J. Wenyon	..	..	0	F. A. Eve	..	..	..	I
17	H. J. Lofthouse	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	Rev. H. Peach	..	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$
18	G. Pollard	..	..	0	H. Kearne	..	..	..	I
19	R. Bainbridge	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	A. C. Haines	..	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$
20	H. A. Cadman	..	..	0	T. H. Storey	..	..	..	I
21	G. Wright	..	..	I	J. C. Boyce	..	..	..	0
22	F. A. Amies	..	..	I	B. Cohen	..	..	..	0
23	J. Jackson	..	..	0	Dr. St. John	..	..	..	I
24	S. Leader	..	..	I	J. J. Taylor	..	..	..	0
25	T. Hillary	..	..	I	N. Learey	..	..	..	0
26	R. A. Sturgeon	..	..	I	J. A. Barraclough	..	..	..	0
27	H. Wortley	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	H. B. Creeke	..	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$
28	J. Croysdale	..	..	I	E. C. Harvey	..	..	..	0
29	M. Andrew	..	..	I	C. A. Saban	..	..	..	0
30	C. G. Addingley	..	..	I	B. Price	..	..	..	0
16					14				

A Northern Counties' correspondent writes as follows:—

The reference to the fact that Mr. W. Moffat Wilson has been a member of the Dublin Chess Club for forty years (see April *B.C.M.*, page 173) prompts the recollection that the longevity record of membership in connection with chess clubs is probably held by the Bradford Club, amongst whose members are four who are each over 80 years of age: Messrs. Cooper, North, Prestman and Rabagliatti, and one, Mr. Oliver North, has been a member since 1878 49 years ago! and still enjoys his daily games at the headquarters of the club, Central Café, Tyrral Street.

The Leeds Club can also boast of one member who joined as far back as 1882, now 43 years ago. I refer to I. M. Brown, who for 32 years controlled the destinies of the *B.C.M.*, and for about 30 years was its editor-in-chief!

Mr. Brown is still enjoying chess activity though his interests are now mainly confined to the Bradford Club, which he joined in 1896, and the Yorkshire County Chess Association, of which he is president. Recently we learnt that Mr. Brown has rendered service to the Northern Counties Chess Union by raising this season upwards of £20 amongst Yorkshire players, as a contribution to the funds of the N.C.C.U. The businesslike personnel of the N.C.C.U. president (W. R. Thomas, Liverpool) and the hon. secretary (E. Spencer, Liverpool) has appealed so strongly to Mr. Brown that he has not hesitated to render these gentlemen whatever assistance he can in support of the new regime of the Northern Counties Chess Union.

We give, with the greatest possible pleasure the score of a match kindly sent us by the Secretary of the Durham City Chess Club. May we express a hope that this is the forerunner of a strong and enterprising Durham County Chess Association.

A match between a team from the Newcastle Chess Club and a composite team from three of the leading Durham Clubs was played at the headquarters of the Durham City Chess Club on April 8th. After a hard struggle the scores stood at five all with one game for adjudication. It is only fair to add that after the first few boards the Newcastle team was not at full strength.

DURHAM AND DISTRICT.			NEWCASTLE.		
1	B. Barton-Eckett (Durham C.)	1	E. W. Carmichael	.. .. .	0
2	F. W. Yelder (Bishop Auckland)	$\frac{1}{2}$	T. Beaty	.. .. .	$\frac{1}{2}$
3	A. W. P. Tulip (Durham City)	1	G. S. Sell	.. .. .	0
4	D. Cook (Spennymoor)	0	J. Angle	.. .. .	1
5	P. T. Waite (Durham City)	0	M. Hyslop	.. .. .	1
6	A. W. W. Tulip (Durham City)	1	R. Murdoch	.. .. .	0
7	P. J. M. Loft (Bishop Auckland)	$\frac{1}{2}$	W. Laserson	.. .. .	$\frac{1}{2}$
8	J. Ayton (Spennymoor)	0	H. Dowsett	.. .. .	1
9	C. T. Wanless (Spennymoor)	*	G. T. Davies	.. .. .	*
10	T. Robertson (Spennymoor)	1	H. Zollner	.. .. .	0
11	F. E. Hamilton (Spennymoor)	0	W. J. Cuthbertson	.. .. .	1
		5			5

* To be adjudicated.

The Chess Editor of the *Glasgow Herald* has kindly sent us his account of the Scottish Championship and his report is so clear and informative that we are taking the liberty of reproducing it, with only a few omissions:—

The Thirty-eighth contest for the chess championship of Scotland will be memorable for three things, viz., the presence for the first time of lady competitors; the abnormal number of adjourned games, no fewer than nine out of the 28 played; and the winning of the title by an Edinburgh player. The ladies, probably the two strongest of their sex in Scotland won one and drew three against men opponents, a very creditable performance, and one which quite justified their entry. After the first two rounds they quite recovered from a possibly natural nervousness, and none of their opponents had an easy game thereafter. Miss Gilchrist stretched Page to the utmost in the last round;

at one time she had the better position. To Miss Hutchison-Stirling, of the Edinburgh Central Club, belongs the honour of scoring the first win to be recorded by a lady in the Scottish championship, a very fine one against the strong Edinburgh player Sergeant.

The first prize (£3) in the minor tournament was carried off by Mrs. Reid, a Glasgow player, who, although lucky in her last game, is nevertheless to be warmly congratulated on a very good performance, for she was the only competitor in the congress to emerge with an unbroken succession of victories, her score being five games all won. W. R. D. McNaughton (Perth) took the second prize (£2) with a score of four points.

SCOTTISH CHAMPIONSHIP, 1925.

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	T'l.
1 G. Page	—	1	1	1	0	1	1	1	6
2 R. C. Macdonald	0	—	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	1	1	1	1	5 $\frac{1}{2}$
3 C. Wardhaugh	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	—	0	1	1	1	1	4 $\frac{1}{2}$
4 R. T. R. Sergeant	0	0	1	—	1	0	1	1	4 $\frac{1}{2}$
5 G. W. Hives	1	0	0	0	—	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	3
6 Miss F. Hutchison-Stirling	0	0	0	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	—	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	2 $\frac{1}{2}$
7 H. J. Walsworth	0	0	0	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	—	$\frac{1}{2}$	1 $\frac{1}{2}$
8 Miss Gilchrist	0	0	0	0	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	—	1

The first four took prizes to the value of £10, £5, £3 and £2 in the order named.

The Ladies' Championship.—Owing to regrettable withdrawals the four ladies remaining played a double round, and a tie resulted between Mrs. Ritchie and Miss Forbes, both of Edinburgh. The latter won the title in 1920, and Mrs. Ritchie has now tied for the third time. Will the third time be lucky? The two ladies, who divided the prize-money (£7) between them, are to play off for the cup and title.

	1	2	3	4	T'l.
1 Miss Forbes	—	0 1	$\frac{1}{2}$ 1	1 1	4 $\frac{1}{2}$
2 Mrs. Ritchie	1 0	—	1 1	1. $\frac{1}{2}$	4 $\frac{1}{2}$
3 Mrs. Brockett	$\frac{1}{2}$ 0	0 0	—	$\frac{1}{2}$ 1	2
4 Mrs. Malcolm	0 0	0 $\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$ 0	—	1

The *Falkirk Herald*, which publishes one of the best chess columns in the country, has a most interesting article from the pen of J. Keeble, which we reproduce with acknowledgments to our contemporary.

On Friday, April 3rd, at the Britwell Library sale in London, a copy of "The Famous Game of Chesse-Play," London, 1618, by A. Saul, sold for £160, the buyer being M. Stevenson. This is not the top price for a chess book, as Lord Amherst's copy of Caxton's "Game and Playe of the Chesse" sold for £3,000! Neither was it the first edition, for Saul first issued his book in 1614. Jo. Barbier brought out other editions of it in 1640, 1652 and 1672.

Arthur Saul was something of a poet, and gave a poetical introduction to his book, of which we quote two verses:—

“ All you that at the famous game
Of chesse desire to play,
Come and peruse this little book,
Wherein is taught the way.
“ But scorne thou or at Cards and Dice
The nights and days to spend;
As many, which thereby obtaine,
Flat beggary in the end.”

Saul touched upon the subject of the latter verse later on in his book, and in a way that would appeal in the present day:—

“ Oh, that this game were rightly esteemed of according to the worth thereof, and practised for pastime, instead of many offensive and lesse industrious games. Then would there not happen such frequent quarrellings, sudden stabbings, cheatings and coosenings amongst men, and like enormities as usually fall out at other games. For since I was able to play at it, I have never yet knew any fall out of the same, as man having no occasion to be offended with him he playeth withall, but rather to blame himself, when as through his owne improvidence, his men miscarry or perish.”

Arthur Saul appears to have been quite a gentlemanly man, for after giving the rules of chess, he said:—

“ Doe not therefore at no time that thou playest at this game (out of a conceit, as I said, that anything becomes thee well) stand singing, whistling, knocking or tinkering, whereby to disturbe the mind of thy adversary and hinder his projects; neither keep thou a calling on him to play or hastening of him therinto, or shewing of much dislike that he playeth not fast enough; remembering with thyselfe, that besides that this is a silent game, when thy turne is to play, thou wilt take thy owne leasure, and that it is the Royall law to deal with another, as thyself would'st be dealt withall.”

The Welsh Border League results since our last issue are as follows: Bargoed (at home) beat Merthyr $4\frac{1}{2}$ — $2\frac{1}{2}$ on January 15th. Nine days later Blaina travelled to Merthyr and win 6—1. Blaina appear to be the strongest team in the league for they beat Bargoed 5—2 on February 12th, and lowered Tredegar's colours 5—1 on February 14th. In their return match with Merthyr on February 19th, however, they met with a much stiffer resistance and only took the match by 4—3. There are many members of the mining fraternity in these contests, and we are extremely glad to see the keenness shown. No team has hitherto lost a game by default and generally a few extra boards are played as friendlies.

Blaina v. Merthyr, at Blaina, Thursday, February 19th.

BLAINA.						MERTHYR.					
1	J. Lewis	..	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	A. Harper	..	..	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$
2	A. Williams	..	..	..	1	V. Freed	..	..	..	..	0
3	E. Richards	..	..	..	1	S. Harper	..	..	..	..	0
4	J. Thomas	..	..	..	1	W. J. Hawkins	..	..	..	..	0
5	A. Evans	..	..	..	0	H. R. Woodcock	..	..	..	..	1
6	J. Price	..	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	H. Irving	..	..	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$
7	E. Williams	..	..	..	0	H. O. Freeman	..	..	..	..	1
4						3					
8	Tom Jones	..	..	..	1	F. Freeman	..	..	..	..	0
9	J. L. Davies	..	..	..	1	J. H. Gray	..	..	..	..	0
6						3					

The London Chess League, 1924-25.—We now give the full result of the above competition, from which it will be seen that Hampstead (12) proved worthy victors, albeit they caught a slip from North London in the closing stages of the contest. The Metropolitan (10½) made a good second while Lud-Eagle (10) and West London (10) follow closely on. The figures will be slightly changed when the deductions for defaults are made by the Committee. There is one clear indication to those Club Secretaries who wish their team to do well in the future : Nurse your old and seasoned players and do not badger them to turn out too often, especially when inconvenient for them : always bring a few reserves, and put a keen young player into the team rather than a strong old one who only comes in under protest.

	I	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	T'l.
1 Athenaeum	—	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	3
2 Battersea	1	—	1	1	0	1	1	0	½	1	0	0	0	0	6½
3 Bohemians	1	0	—	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
4 Brixton	1	0	1	—	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	1	7
5 Hampstead	1	1	1	1	—	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	1	1	12
6 Islington	0	0	0	0	0	—	½	0	0	0	0	0	0	½	1
7 Lee	0	0	0	0	0	½	—	0	0	0	0	0	0	½	2
8 Lewisham	1	1	1	1	0	1	0	—	0	0	½	1	0	0	6½
9 Leyton	1	½	1	0	0	1	1	1	—	0	0	0	0	0	5½
10 Lud-Eagle	1	0	1	1	0	1	1	1	1	—	0	1	1	1	10
11 Metropolitan ..	1	1	1	1	0	1	1	½	1	1	—	½	½	1	10½
12 North London ..	1	1	1	0	1	1	1	0	1	0	½	—	½	1	9
13 West London ..	1	1	1	1	0	1	1	1	1	0	½	½	—	1	10
14 Wood Green ..	0	1	1	0	0	½	½	1	1	0	0	0	—	—	5

The following table shows the actual score in each match :—

	I	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	T'l.
1 Athenaeum	—	8	8½	6	5	16	12	7½	8	7½	6	9½	7½	13½	3
2 Battersea	12	—	13½	11	6½	14	15	9½	10	12	9½	9½	7½	9½	6½
3 Bohemians	11½	6½	—	6½	4½	13	12	9	7	7	5½	6½	6½	9	3
4 Brixton	14	9	13½	—	5½	13	16	9	12	5½	5	12½	8	10½	7
5 Hampstead	15	13½	15½	14½	—	13½	16½	12½	15½	12½	10½	9½	14	14½	12
6 Islington	4	6	7	7	6½	—	10	4½	5	6	8	7½	6	10	1
7 Lee	8	5	8	4	3½	10	—	11	6	6½	2½	4½	7	10	2
8 Lewisham	12½	10½	11	11	7½	15½	9	—	6½	8½	10	11	7½	8½	6½
9 Leyton	12	10	13	8	4½	15	14	13½	—	9½	9	7½	6½	9	5½
10 Lud-Eagle	13½	8	13	14½	7½	14	13½	11½	10½	—	6½	11½	13	11	10
11 Metropolitan ..	14	10½	14½	12	9½	12	17½	10	11	13½	—	10	10	12½	10½
12 North London ..	10½	10½	13½	7½	10½	12½	15½	9	12½	8½	10	—	10	11½	9
13 West London ..	12½	12½	13½	12	6	14	13	12½	13½	7	10	10	—	13	10
14 Wood Green ..	6½	10½	11	9½	5½	10	10	11½	11	9	7½	8½	7	—	5

The match between Miss Price and Miss Menchik which took place at Hastings from April 21st to 24th, resulted in a win for the Russian girl by 3—2. Congratulations are due to the winner for the great progress she has made in the game, and to the loser for her fine sporting

action in entering a contest where she had much to lose and little to gain. The fact, however, is that everyone had gained. Miss Menchik has greatly increased her reputation and proved she is one of the strongest lady players in the country. G. Maroczy and J. A. J. Drewitt are entitled to much of the credit for teaching her: the Hastings Chess Club sustain their world-wide reputation for organising first-class chess festivals while the British lady champion has set an example in sportsmanship to the many men who having gained a reputation, sit tight and refrain from competing in matches and tournaments for fear of losing it. We believe a return match between the two ladies will shortly take place in London.

Sir Watson Rutherford played in a match for Nice *v.* Hyères on March 25th. It was a great loss to the House of Commons Chess Circle when he resigned his seat in Parliament.

A miniature triangular master tourney, arranged by the enterprise of the City of London Chess Club, took place in London in early April. The players were Sir George Thomas, A. Rubinstein and F. D. Yates, and two games were played between each pair. The results were curious. Rubinstein beat Thomas twice and Yates once, but lost his second encounter with the latter in 26 moves. Thomas found his form, however, against the other Englishman, scoring $1\frac{1}{2}$ out of 2.

Rubinstein is a pleasant fellow with a curious mentality. Unlike the typical foreign chess master of Victorian days, he doesn't spend his spare time haunting chess resorts, smoking heavily, and playing skittle after skittle. In the course of his match games he sits serene and immobile like a sphinx; and the moment he is finished goes out into the fresh air satisfied and happy to wander about alone.

His greatest difficulty in life is trying to remember to get up in time to keep his appointments, and a little kindly assistance should always be forthcoming from his friends to remedy this unlucky trait. He is always courteous and sportsmanlike and is a most desirable player to have in a good tournament. On concluding his engagement at the City, he took the next train to Brussels to give a display there on April 4th.

Rubinstein's visit to Sheffield.—For the second time within a few weeks the Sheffield Chess Club was visited by a distinguished master, when A. Rubinstein, the great Polish expert, gave a simultaneous exhibition on 26 boards. The team opposing him was a strong one, although several of the local chess leaders were absent. The visit was very successful, and was enjoyed alike by the players who took part in it, and by the large number of spectators who attended. Rubinstein allowed his opponents to choose their colour, and a good many of them selected White.

Play lasted about three and a half hours, and the final result was that Rubinstein won 19 games, drew 4, and lost 3.

A Kriegspiel Final.—A. Felber by again winning the Kriegspiel championship of the (London) Gambit Chess Rooms has proved that his success in 1924 was no fluke. The contest, however, was a very close one, as C. W. Hopper was only half a point behind, and L. W. Dodds another half point behind that. Last year we had to admit that all the winners were quite young men. Hopper's success shows that those who have borne the brunt of the fight for a longer period can still break a lance with the rising generation.

Full result: First prize (£5) and Challenge shield, A. Felber; second prize (£2 10s.), C. W. Hopper; third prize (£1 5s.), L. W. Dodds; fourth prize, B.C.M., L. W. Dodds; Divisional Prize, C. A. Thorogood.

The London Banks.—Lloyds Bank, for the first time in their long career, have won the First Division of the London Banks Chess League, scoring $9\frac{1}{2}$. They were closely followed by the next four teams, however—Midland, 9; National Provincial, 8; and Cosmopolitan, $7\frac{1}{2}$.

In the Second Division they had to be content with third place, for Cosmopolitan came first with 12 (out of 16), Midland second with 12, and Lloyds 10. In the Third Division their star is again in the ascendant for they scored 11 out of a possible 14, followed by Cosmopolitan, $9\frac{1}{2}$ and National Provincial, 8.

We hear that a supper was held at the Half Moon Hotel, Gracechurch Street, on April 3rd, to celebrate the event.

Imperial v. Athenaeum on Thursday, April 23rd.

IMPERIAL.				ATHENÆUM.				
1	Sir Edgar Wigram	..	..	1	W. Bateson	..	..	0
2	Dr. V. H. Rutherford	..	..	1	Wynnard Hooper	..	..	0
3	Miss Finn	..	..	1	Dr. E. Graham Little, M.P.	..	..	0
4	J. F. Chance	..	..	0	Sir T. K. L. Rose	..	..	1
5	Capt. The Hon. A. Lowther			0	The Hon. F. G. Hamilton-Russell			1
6	J. E. Traill	..	..	1	F. W. Hirst	..	..	0
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Never since the days of the ill-fated "Brentano's" has such a magazine de luxe as *L'Echiquier* been presented to the chess world.

The courtesy of the editor is equal to the excellence of his production, for he most kindly lent us the block of the Paris tournament which appears in our account of the Bromley congress.

(Published by E. Lancel, 79 Rue Gillon, Brussels. Price 40 francs per annum or 3'50 per copy).

Chess in Ireland.—A novel method of selecting a committee was followed at a meeting of the Irish Chess Association. The said committee consists of the presidents of all the chess clubs in Ireland. If this system proves a success it will be a model for other bodies, for too often the president is more of a figurehead than a worker. So the committee will be made up of the following:—

H. Raleigh Cruise, B.L. (Bray); Colonel P. O'Connor (G.H.Q.); Major R. E. Allum (Sackville); Professor E. Ryan, M.A., D.Sc.

(National University) ; Professor W. E. Thrift, M.A., F.T.C.D., T.D. (Dublin University and Rathmines) ; R. T. Varian (Blackrock) ; W. Moffat Wilson (Dublin).

The Association has been fortunate enough to secure so versatile a sportsman as Lord Dunsany for president of this very distinguished gathering, so that the hon. secretary, T. B. Rowland can go forward with his duties, secure in the knowledge that some of the best brains of the country are at his beck and call.

The Irish Correspondence championship tournament is now open to all players of Irish nationality. The winner will hold the Silver Queen for one year and the title of correspondence champion. Three wins (not necessarily consecutive) will secure the trophy outright. [We are sorry to see this condition. A trophy gains interest each year of its existence and it is a thousand pities when its career is guillotined by being won outright.—Ed. *B.C.M.*] Entrance fee 5/-, should be sent to T. B. Rowland, Rosdale, Bray, C. Wicklow.

THE SCARBOROUGH CONGRESS.

We strongly advise all our readers able to do so, to attend the Scarborough Congress at Whitsuntide. The thorough way in which Mr. Reid, the enterprising and tactful Secretary, is attending to all the details, affords proof that everything that can be done for the comfort and enjoyment of visitors *will be done*.

The Tournaments are to be made up in sections of 8, so that no competitor will be called on to play more than one game a day. All those who know what a delightful place Scarborough is, will appreciate this arrangement. The presence of one or two foreign competitors is quite a possibility and there is a feeling of optimism that J. H. Blake, A. G. Conde, J. J. O'Hanlon, F. Brown (Dudley) E. Spencer, W. Gibson, J. A. J. Drewitt and several more of our best amateurs will be there. For further particulars see full page advertisement.

BOOKS RECEIVED.

We have been sent not less than five books from Herren Walter de Gruyter & Co., of Berlin and Leipzig, for review.

Neither space nor time will permit of our reviewing them this month, but we give below the names and prices.

1. *Das Grossmeister-Turnier*, New York, 1924, annotated by A. Alekhine. 337 pp. Price 12'50 Marks, or 14 bound.
2. *Paul Morphy*, by Geza Maroczy. 290 pp. Price 8 Marks, or 9'50 bound.
3. *A.B.C. Des Schachspiels*, by J. Minckwitz. 166 pp. Price 4 Marks, bound 5 Marks.
4. *Die Schachschule*, by Johannes Metger. 110 pp. Price 250 Marks.
5. *Die Unregelmässigen Verteidigungen der Damenbaueröffnung*, by Kurt Emmrich. 66 pp. Price 1'50 Marks.

STILL WANTED URGENTLY.

Book of the San Sebastian Tournament, 1911. Copy of *The Field* for December 21st, 1910 (or chess article cut from same). Apply: R. H. S. Stevenson, 45 Clapham Road, S.W.9.

THE BRITISH CORRESPONDENCE CHESS ASSOCIATION.

All communications respecting these pages should be addressed to Mr. H. E. Matthews, 37 Anson Street, Monton, Eccles, Manchester. New members will be welcomed at any time and games can always be arranged for them at short notice.

Trophies Tourney.—In addition to the results received since last month, we print below a table showing the present position in two sections, chosen because they have progressed further towards completion.

CLASS I (SECTION "B").

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
1 W. M. Bussell	—		$\frac{1}{2}$		$\frac{1}{2}$			0	1	
2 J. D. Chambers		—					1			
3 H. J. H. Cope	$\frac{1}{2}$		—			1	1		1	0
4 F. F. Finch				—	0			0		
5 K. G. Jayne	$\frac{1}{2}$			1	—				0	
6 E. M. Jones			0			—	1			1
7 E. Parsons		0	0			0	—	0	0	
8 H. D. Rockett	1			1			1	—		
9 H. W. Shardlow	0		0		1		1		—	
10 Dr. V. H. Rutherford			1			0				—

CLASS III (SECTION "B").

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
1 P. Armitage	—	1	1		0			1	1
2 A. H. Brayne	0	—			0			1	
3 H. C. Godfrey	0		—	0		0		1	1
4 H. Maden			1	—	0			1	
5 J. Moore	1	1		1	—			1	
6 C. S. Pindar			1			—	1	1	
7 J. L. Rynders						0	—	1	
8 A. S. Vosper	0	0*	0*	0	0*	0*	0	—	0*
9 A. P. White	0		0					1	—

* By default.

Class 1a: L. Illingworth 1, T. E. Wethers 0; A. Sheppard, retired, score cancelled. Class 1b: W. M. Bussell $\frac{1}{2}$, H. J. H. Cope $\frac{1}{2}$; W. M. Busesll 1, H. W. Shardlow 0; Class 2a: G. P. Kitchener 1, A. J. Windybank 0; Rev. J. Joyce and C. North retired, score cancelled. Class 2b: J. W. Wood 1, T. L. Redfern 0; T. L. Redfern 1, H. S. Skelton 0. Class 3a: S. G. Duffell 1, E. Oldfield 0; S. G. Duffell $\frac{1}{2}$, H. Bardsley $\frac{1}{2}$; T. Roberts 1, S. G. Duffell 0; H. Bardsley 1, Sir S. G. Shead 0; H. Bardsley 1, E. E. Goodwin 0; W. Snook 1, W. J. Gurney 0; W. Snook 1, E. Oldfield 0. Class 3b: P. Armitage 1, A. P. White 0; H. E. Maden 1, H. G. Godfrey 0; J. Moore 1, Rev. A. H. Brayne 0; W. H. Haydon retires, score cancelled. Class 3c: N. Ovington 1, J. McClusky 0; J. McClusky $\frac{1}{2}$, G. H. S. Wise $\frac{1}{2}$.

Class 4a : J. E. Dutton 1, C. Folley 0 ; J. E. Dutton $\frac{1}{2}$, Miss Chater $\frac{1}{2}$; W. Lambert 1, D. Hume 0 ; W. E. Hollingdale 1, W. Milburn 0.
 Class 4b : F. S. Marsden 1, F. N. Fisher 0. Class 5a : R. W. Houghton 1, W. Lister 0 ; E. Roberts 1, T. Palmer 0 ; C. S. Davis 1, T. Palmer 0. Class 5b : Miss J. H. White 1, J. T. D. Halford 0 ; J. A. Stanton 1, Miss L. Eveling 0 ; A. R. Cave 1, A. Schofield (junr.) 0 ; A. Schofield (junr.) 1, O. Newbold 0 ; Miss J. H. White 1, A. Schofield (junr.) 0.

Handicap Tourney.—The following have been promoted from Class 3 to Class 2 : H. A. Clarke, W. J. Gurney, Sir S. G. Shead and Rev. A. F. Tollit. The following additional results have been received :—

Wins : Aston *v.* Hopkins (2) ; Armitage *v.* Joyce, Chambers (2), Bodkin, Snook, Duffel ; Behrndt *v.* Hopkins ; Bodkin *v.* Ward (2), Clarke *v.* Cave (2), Tott (2) ; Chambers *v.* Bardsley, Gale, Wethers (2), Terry ; Miss Drummond *v.* Tott ; Dutton *v.* Miss Chater ; Evill *v.* Joyce (2), Rynders ; Gurney *v.* Maden, Syberg ; Heywood *v.* Hollingdale ; Hume *v.* Somerville ; Houghton *v.* Miss Chater, Hollingdale (2) ; Holland *v.* Coleman (2), Milburn ; Hopkins *v.* Behrndt ; Jago *v.* ; Duffell (2) ; Lord *v.* Munro (2) ; Murray *v.* Cave ; McClusky *v.* Lord (2), Milburn *v.* Heydon, Thomas (2) ; Ovington *v.* Somerville, Rynders, Ward ; Rynders *v.* Duffell (2) Chambers, Wilcox (2), Ovington *v.* Snook ; Stoneman *v.* Clarke (2) ; Simeon *v.* Wilcox ; Shead *v.* Terry (2), Clarke ; Skelton *v.* Hume, Fisher, Heydon (2) ; Snook *v.* Somerville, Rynders, Wilcox, Hollingdale, Ovington, Miss Chater (2) ; Syberg *v.* Heydon (2) ; Tollit *v.* Milburn (2), Hollingdale ; Tapsfield *v.* Wilcox, Hume (2) ; Wilcox *v.* Simeon, Somerville (2) ; Terry *v.* Wilson ; Wilson *v.* Terry, Joyce (2) Chambers. *Draws* : Armitage *v.* Joyce ; Behrndt *v.* Shead (2) ; Clarke *v.* Shead ; Chambers *v.* Ward, Wilson ; Miss Chater *v.* Houghton ; Davis *v.* Tollit ; Fairclough *v.* Maden (2) ; Gurney *v.* Maden, Syberg ; Hume *v.* Somerville, Skelton ; Houghton *v.* Miss Chater ; Heydon *v.* Shelton ; Tapsfield *v.* Wilcox.

Knock-out Tourney.—Further results. *Second Tourney* : E. Toledano beat A. R. Gale ; H. J. H. Cope beat R. G. Somerville ; K. G. Jayne beat K. New ; W. H. Gunston beat A. W. White ; K. G. Jayne beat W. Snook ; A. H. Brayne beat A. S. Burton ; J. D. Chambers beat A. Schofield (junr.). *First Tourney* : J. Joyce beat W. Lister ; V. H. Rutherford beat J. L. Rynders ; D. Hume beat H. C. Godfrey ; H. N. S. Heath beat C. North.

Members will, we feel sure, join us in tendering our deepest sympathy to Mr. C. North, until recently hon. secretary for the Trophies Tourney, who has had the great misfortune to lose his little daughter, aged three years.

We have a few copies left of the recent issue of our magazine and shall be pleased to forward one to anyone sending 4½d. in stamps.

GAME DEPARTMENT.

GAME No. 5,393.

Played in a recent match (see p. 129). Notes by J. H. Blake.

Queen's Gambit Declined.

WHITE	BLACK
E. D. BOGOLJUBOFF	P. ROMANOVSKY
1 Kt—K B 3	1 Kt—K B 3
2 P—Q 4	2 P—Q 4
3 P—B 4	3 P—B 3
4 P—K 3	

In the New York tournament Capablanca and Marshall both continued by exchanging Pawns; Alekhine also expresses approval of that course.

5 Q Kt—Q 2	4 P—K 3	5 Kt—K 5
6 B—Q 3	6 P—K B 4	7 Kt—K 5
7 Kt—K 5	7 Q—R 5	

.....Intending presumably to transpose into the Stonewall.

.....The loser queries this move and suggests instead 7... Q—B 3.

8 Castles	8 Kt×Kt
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.....Whilst to this move he attributes the loss of the game, and suggests 8... B—Q 3, with the possible continuation of 9 B×Kt, B P×P; 10 P—B 3, B×Kt; 11 P×B, Kt—Q 2; 12 P×P, Kt×P; 13 R—B 4, Q—Kt 4.

9 B×Kt	9 B—Q 3
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.....Here he proposes instead 9... Kt—Q 2; 10 P×P, Kt×Kt; 11 P×Kt, K P×P.

10 P—B 4	10 P—K Kt 3
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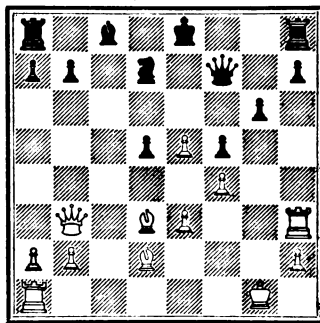
.....Now 10... Kt—Q 2 would be weak on account of 11 P×P, and whichever way Black retakes he is in difficulties.

11 R—B 3	11 Q—K 2
12 R—R 3	12 Q—Kt 2
13 P—K Kt 4	13 Kt—Q 2
14 Kt P×P	14 K P×P
15 P×P	15 P×P
16 Q—Kt 3	16 B×Kt
17 Q P×B	17 Q—B 2

.....17... Kt—Kt 3 would lose by 18 B—Kt 5 ch, B—Q 2; 19 P—K 6!, with B—B 3 to follow.

Position after 17... Q—B 2.

BLACK (ROMANOVSKY)



WHITE (BOGOLJUBOFF)

18 B—Kt 4	18 Q—K 3
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.....Now... Kt—Kt 3 might have been less serious as White's check is no longer so effective owing to the Bishop being unprotected at Kt 5; White would therefore continue 19 R—Q B 1.

19 R—Q B 1	19 K—B 2
20 R—B 7	20 K—Kt 2
21 Q—B 3	21 P—Q R 3

.....White threatens, among other things, 22 B—Kt 5, followed by a double exchange of pieces, and then P—K 6 dis ch.

22 B—Q 6	22 P—K R 4
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.....He cannot move the Rook before making provision against Q—K 1 and Q—K R 4.

23 R—Kt 3	23 K—R 3
24 Q—B 1	24 Kt—B 3

.....White threatened 25 P—K 4, Q P×P; 26 B—B 4, winning the Queen. If (to prevent this) 24... P—Q Kt 4, then 25 P—K 4, Q P×P; 26 B×P!, R—Q Kt 1; 27 R—R 7. There is a deadly precision about White's concluding strokes.

25 R—K 7	25 Resigns
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GAME No. 5,394.

Played in the last all-Russian tournament. Notes by J. H. B.
Irregular Opening.

WHITE

A. SERGIEFF

- 1 Kt—K B 3
2 P—Q 4
3 Q Kt—Q 2
4 P—K 4
5 B—B 4

BLACK

P. ROMANOVSKY

- 1 P—K Kt 3
2 B—Kt 2
3 P—Q 3
4 Kt—Q 2
5 P—K 3

.....White threatened 6 B×P ch, K×B; 7 Kt—Kt 5 ch and 8 Kt—K 6. 5..., P—K 4 would also have forestalled this.

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| 6 Castles | 6 Kt—K 2 |
| 7 R—K 1 | 7 Castles |
| 8 Kt—B 1 | 8 P—K R 3 |
| 9 P—B 3 | 9 Kt—Q B 3 |
| 10 P—K R 3 | 10 P—K 4 |
| 11 B—K 3 | 11 K—R 2 |
| 12 Q—B 2 | 12 Q—K 2 |
| 13 Kt—Kt 3 | 13 Kt—Kt 3 |
| 14 B—Q 3 | |

The choice of diagonal to keep control of is a difficult one; probably 14 B—B 1 was the right move.

14 P×P

15 Kt×P

For if 15 P×P then Kt—Kt 5.

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| 15 Kt—K 4 | |
| 16 B—K B 1 | 16 Q Kt—B 5 |
| 17 B—B 1 | 17 P—Q B 4 |
| 18 Kt—K 2 | 18 Kt—B 3 |

.....The Knight at B 5 is uncomfortably placed, so he proposes to get that one to K 4.

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| 19 Kt—B 4 | 19 Q Kt—K 4 |
| 20 B—Q 2 | |

20 Kt—Q 5 merely drives the Queen to the strong post at K R 5 where it is going in any case; he prefers, therefore, to save the time and threaten Black's weak Queen's Pawn.

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| 20 Q—R 5 | |
| 21 Q—Q 1 | 21 B K 3 |
| 22 P—Kt 3 | |

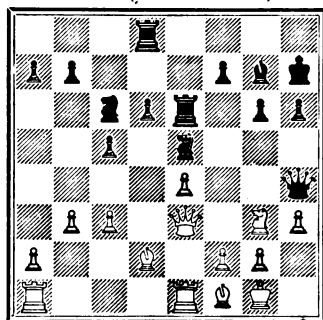
Guarding one weak Pawn by weakening another. 22 Kt×B, P×Kt; 23 Q—K 2 could be played.

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| 22 Q R—Q 1 | |
| 23 K R—K 1 | |
| 24 R×Kt | |
| 25 Q—K 3 | |

With the idea of P—K B 4 and B—Q B 4; but Black starts a strong counter combination.

Position after 25 Q—K 3.

BLACK (ROMANOVSKY)



WHITE (SERGIEFF)

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| 25 P—Q 4! | |
| 26 Q×B P | |
| He has nothing better than 26 P×P, R×P; 27 Q—B 4, weak as that is. | |
| 26 P—Q 5! | |
| 27 Q R—B 1 | |
| For if 27 P×P, then Kt—B 6 ch, 28 P×Kt, B×P; 29 Q—R 3, Q×Kt ch, wins. | |
| 27 P—Q R 3 | |
| Threatening 28..., B—B 1. | |
| 28 Q—R 3 | 28 P—Q 6 |
| 29 Q R—Q 1 | 29 P—Q Kt 4 |
| 30 P—Kt 4 | |
| Very weakening; but he is afraid of ..., P—Kt 5, opening up his Q 4 square to Black pieces. | |

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| 31 Q—B 1 | 30 Kt—B 5 | 38 Q×B | 38 Q—Q 5 |
| 32 Kt—R 1 | 31 B—K 4 | 39 Kt—Kt 3 | 39 Q×Kt P |
| 33 Q×Kt | 32 Kt×B | 40 Q—B 1 | 40 Q—Q 5 |
| 34 Q—B 1 | 33 Q—B 3! | 41 Resigns | |
| 35 R×P | 34 P—Q 7! | | |
| 36 Q×R | 35 R×R | | |
| 37 Q—K 2 | 36 B×P | | |
| | 37 B×R | | |

For with the Exchange down, and a much inferior piece position, he has no chances left.

GAME No. 5,395.

Played in October last. Notes by J. H. B.

Ruy Lopez.

- | WHITE | BLACK |
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| E. D. BOGOLJUBOFF | F. BOGATYRTSCHIK |
| 1 P—K 4 | 1 P—K 4 |
| 2 Kt—K B 3 | 2 Kt—Q B 3 |
| 3 B—Kt 5 | 3 P—Q 3 |
| 4 P—Q 4 | 4 B—Q 2 |
| 5 Kt—B 3 | 5 Kt—B 3 |
| 6 B×Kt | 6 B×B |
| 7 Q—Q 3 | 7 Kt—Q 2 |

.....The idea is to induce 8 P—Q 5, Kt—B 4; 9 Q—B 4, B—Q 2; then after Black had Castled he could play .., P—K B 4 very advantageously. The usual move is '7.., P×P. After White's next, Black is practically forced to make that exchange; the text-move, therefore, loses a tempo needlessly.

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| 8 B—K 3 | 8 P×P |
| 9 B×P | 9 Q—K 2 |
| 10 Castles K R | 10 Castles |
| 11 Kt—Q 5 | 11 Q—K 3 |

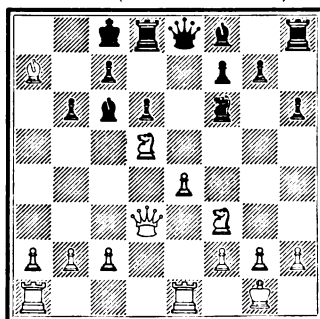
.....11.., B×Kt would be less risky, but would enable White to get in first with the Pawn attack on the adverse King's quarters.

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| 12 B×R P | 12 Kt—B 3 |
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.....He cannot of course play 12.., P—Q Kt 3 on account of 13 Kt—Q 4; but some very intricate play arises from 12.., P—B 4. White has then a choice between 13 Kt—Kt 5 and 13 Kt—Q 4, of which the latter yields the better results. After the text-move Black has practically a losing game.

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| 13 Kt—Kt 5 | 13 Q—K 1 |
| 14 K R—K 1 | 14 P—K R 3 |
| 15 Kt—B 3 | 15 P—Q Kt 3 |
- Position after 15.., P—Q Kt 3.

BLACK (BOGATYRTSCHIK)



BLACK (BOGOLJUBOFF)

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| 16 P—Q R 4 | 16 Kt—Q 2 |
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.....A hesitating Knight indeed! But an attempt to win the imprisoned Bishop by 16.., K—Kt 2; 17 P—R 5, K×B; 18 P×P ch leads to mate

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| 17 Q—R 6 ch | 17 B—Kt 2 |
| 18 Q—B 4 | 18 Kt—B 4 |
| 19 P—Q Kt 4 | 19 B—R 3 |
| 20 Q—B 3 | 20 K—Kt 2 |
| 21 P×Kt | 21 Q P×P |
| 22 P—R 5 | 22 P—Q B 3 |
| 23 B×P | 23 P×Kt |
| 24 P×P | 24 Q—Q 2 |
| 25 Kt—K 5 | 25 Resigns |

.....For he now loses at least a Rook.

GAME No. 5,396.

Played in the Hampstead Club Championship Tournament.
Notes by J.H.B.

Sicilian Defence.

WHITE

E. M. JELLIE

- 1 P—K 4
2 Kt—K B 3
3 P—K 5
4 P—B 4

BLACK

R. C. GRIFFITH

- 1 P—Q B 4
2 Kt—K B 3
3 Kt—Q 4

An indiscriminate Pawn advance is as much to be deprecated here as against Alekhine's Defence. 4 Kt—B 3 or 4 P—Q 4 would be better.

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| 5 Kt—B 3 | 4 Kt—B 2 |
| 6 P—Q 3 | 5 Kt—B 3 |
| 7 B—K 3 | 6 P—K Kt 3 |
| 8 Kt—K 4 | 7 Kt—K 3 |

8 Q—Q 2 is advisable to enable him to hold the King's Pawn.

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| 9 Q—Q 2 | 8 P—Kt 3 |
| 10 Kt—B 3 | 9 Q—B 2 |

Having already compromised his game it would be advisable to seek compensation by preparing a centre advance; suppose 10 B—K 2, Kt×P; 11 P—Q 4; with both Rooks exposed to diagonal attacks Black would find it necessary to tread very warily.

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| 11 Kt—Q 5 | 10 Kt×P |
| 12 P×Kt | 11 Kt×Kt ch |
| | 12 Q—K 4 |

.....Intended to provoke 13 P—B 4 so as to block White's Queen's Bishop.

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| 13 P—B 4 | 13 Q—Kt 1 |
| 14 B—Kt 2 | 14 B—Q Kt 2 |
| 15 P—B 5 | |

A speculative sacrifice (the Pawn being in no imminent danger) hardly justified by the sequel.

15 P×P

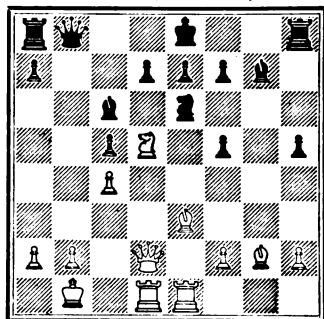
16 Castles (Q R) 16 P—K R 4

.....An attempt to break up White's Queen's side by 16... P—Kt 4, if 17 P×P then P—Q R 3 would have been good here, or even next move. Black drifts into a dangerous position by postponing this.

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| 17 K—Kt 1 | 17 B—B 3 ? |
| 18 P—Q 4 | 18 B—K Kt 2 |
| 19 P×P | 19 P×P |
| 20 K R—K 1 | |

Position after 20 K R—K 1.

BLACK (GRIFFITH)



WHITE (JELLIE)

20 Q×R P

.....Black suggests that the alternative was 20... Q—Kt 2; it leaves White no better reply than 21 P—Kt 3. After the text-move both players have burnt their boats.

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| 21 Kt—B 4 | 21 B×B |
| 22 Q×P ch | 22 K—B 1 |
| 23 Kt×Kt ch | 23 P×Kt |
| 24 B×P | 24 Q—R 5 |
| 25 Q×P at K 6 | |

Here 25 R×P, compelling 25... R—K 1 ties Black up more. The text-move enables Black to simplify quickly and win with the despised King's Rook's Pawn.

25 B—K 5 ch

26 K—R 1	26 Q—B 3	31 R×R	31 R—Q Kt 1
27 B×P ch	27 Q×B	32 K R—K 2	32 R×R
28 Q×Q ch	28 K×Q	33 R×R	33 P—R 5
29 P—B 3	29 Q R—Q Kt 1	34 P×B	34 P—R 6
30 R—Q Kt 1	30 R×Kt P	35 Resigns	

GAME No. 5,397.

Played in the recent tournament for the championship of New Zealand, and awarded the brilliancy prize. Notes by J. H. B.

French Defence.

WHITE	BLACK
F. K. KELLING	E. A. HICKS
1 P—K 4	1 P—K 3
2 P—Q 4	2 P—Q 4
3 Kt—Q B 3	3 Kt—K B 3
4 P—K 5	4 K Kt—Q 2
5 Kt—K B 3	

The three courses of orthodoxy are 5 Q Kt—K 2 (the old move), 5 P—B 4 (Steinitz), and 5 Q—Kt 4 (Gledhill).

6 B—Q Kt 5

Not good ; the Bishop is usually required for his King's side attack in similar forms of the French. 6 Kt—K 2 would work, by transposition of moves, into the first of the three lines mentioned in the last note.

6 P—Q R 3

.....6.., Q—Kt 3, or even 6.., Kt—B 3 would be better.

7 B×Kt ch 7 Kt×B
8 Castles 8 P—R 3

.....Sheer waste of time. 8.., P×P; 9 Kt—K 2, Q—B 2 is good.

9 R—K 1 9 B—K 2
10 Kt—K 2 10 P—B 5

.....Giving up the chance of making anything of the counter

attack on White's centre, and depriving his Queen's Bishop of a potential future. 10.., Castles with .., P—B 3 to follow, or 10.., P×P, and 11.., Kt—B 4 are much more effective lines.

11 P—B 3	11 P—Q Kt 4
12 Q—B 2	12 B—Kt 2
13 Kt—B 4	13 Kt—B 1
14 Kt—R 5	14 R—K Kt 1

.....He finds it necessary to play .., P—K Kt 3 presently, so might as well therefore do it at once, without forfeiting the chance of Castling on the King's side.

15 P—K R 3	15 P—Kt 3
16 Kt—B 6 ch	16 B×Kt
17 P×B	17 Q×P
18 B×P	18 Kt—R 2

.....If he is going to play .., Q—B 4 he had better do it without Castling; should White then evade the exchange Black can continue with 19.., Kt—B 3 and 20.., Kt—Kt 5. By Castling first and then playing .., Q—B 4 he cuts the Queen off from the side of the board where the issue will be decided.

19 B—Q 2	19 Castles
20 P—Q R 4	20 Q—B 4 ?
21 Q—Q 1	21 P—Kt 4

.....There is no time for this now, nor for .., Kt—B 3, on

account of the threat to his
Q Kt P.

22 Kt—K 5

22 K—B 2

23 P×P

23 P×P

24 R—R 5

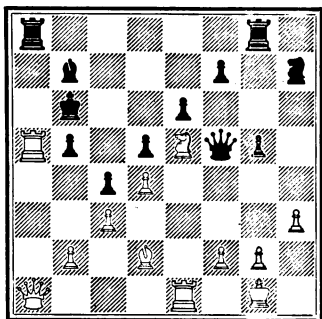
24 K—Kt 3

25 Q—R 1

25 Q R—R 1

Position after 25..., Q R—R 1.

BLACK (HICKS)



WHITE (KELLING)

26 Kt—Q 7 ch? 26 K—B 3

27 Kt—K 5 ch 27 K—Kt 3

28 Q—R 3!

A fine stroke, which forces
mate in all variations.

29 Resigns

.....Mr. Kelling gives the following variations: If 28..., R×R; 29 Q—B 5 ch, K—R 3; 30 Kt—Q 7 and mates next move; if 28..., K R—Q B 1; 29 Q—Q 6 ch, R—B 3; 30 Kt—Q 7 ch, K×R; 31 R—R 1 mate; if 28..., B—B 3; 29 Q—B 5 ch, K—Kt 2; 30 Q×B ch, K—Kt 1; 31 Kt—Q 7 mate; if 28..., Q×Kt; 29 Q—B 5 ch, K×R; 30 R—R 1 mate; if 28..., K—B 2; 29 Q—K 7 ch, K—Kt 1; 30 R×P, R—R 2; 31 Kt—B 6 ch, K—R 1; 32 Q×B ch! R×Q; 33 R—R 1 ch, R—R 2; 33 R×R mate. To which one more falls to be added: if 28..., Q—B 7; 29 Q—B 5 ch, K×R; 30 R—R 1 ch, Q—R 5; 31 R×Q ch, P×R; 32 Q—R 3 mate.

GAME No. 5,398.

Played at the first board in a recent match by correspondence between Scotland and Ireland. Notes by J.H.B.

Queen's Gambit Accepted.

WHITE

J. J. O'HANLON

BLACK

C. B. HEATH

1 P—Q 4

1 P—Q 4

2 P—Q B 4

2 P×P

3 Kt—K B 3

3 P—Q Kt 3

.....Mr. Heath has been very successful in match play with this unorthodox defence.

4 P—K 3

A consultation game at Dundee, Maroczy v. Allies, was continued 4 Q Kt—Q 2, B—R 3; 5 P—K 4, P—K 3; 6 Kt×P, Kt—K B 3; 7 P—K 5, Kt—Q 4; 8 B—K 2, B—K 2; 9 Castles, Castles. This is a distinctly better line than that

taken by White in the present game; it would perhaps have been still better with 5 P—K 3 (instead of P—K 4), as it would then admit of being combined with Grünfeld's idea of getting the Queen's Knight across to K 5 early.

5 Kt—B 3?

4 B—R 3

6 Kt—K 5

5 P—K 3

7 B×P

6 Kt—K B 3

Not 7 Q—R 4 ch, because of ... P—B 3, and White cannot play 8 Kt×P at B 6 without losing a piece by 8... Q—Q 2. But 7 Kt×P is better than

capturing with the Bishop; Black's Bishop is then not well placed, and might have to lose a move presently by withdrawing to Kt 2.

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| 8 Kt×B | 7 B×B |
| 9 Castles | 8 P—B 4 |
| 10 Kt—Kt 5 | 9 Q Kt—Q 2 |

As he cannot maintain a Knight at Q 6 the time spent in making the Black King move is time lost. 10 Q—R 4, threatening 11 P×P; 12 Kt—K 5, and 13 R—Q 1 is much more promising; if 10... P—Q R 3; 11 Kt—K 5, P—Q Kt 4; 12 Q—B 2, with a good game.

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| 11 QKt—Q6 ch | 10 P—Q R 3 |
| 12 Kt×B ch | 11 B×Kt |
| 13 Kt—B 4 | 12 K—K 2 |
| 14 P—Q Kt 3 | 13 Q—B 2 |

14 B—Q 2 at once saves time; Black cannot reply 14... P×P because of 15 B—Kt 4 ch, with a winning attack; if still 14... K R—Q 1 then 15 Q R—B 1.

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| 15 B—Q 2 | 14 K R—Q 1 |
| 16 Q R—B 1 | 15 Q R—B 1 |
| 17 Q—B 3 | 16 K—B 1 |
| 18 Kt×K P | 17 P—K 4 |

White has still a slight tactical advantage on the left centre; by this exchange, and those which follow, it is not merely completely lost, but actually transferred to the opponent! 18 P×B P, Kt×P; 19 B—Kt 4 maintains it.

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| 19 P×Kt | 18 Kt×Kt |
| 20 B—B 3 | 19 Q×P |
| 21 B×Kt? | 20 Q—K 3 |
| 22 Q×Q? | 21 Q×B |
| 23 K R—Q 1 | 22 P×Q |
| 24 K—B 1 | 23 K—K 2 |
| 25 R×R | 24 R×R ch |
| 26 P×P | 25 P—B 5 |

26 R—Q B 1 is much better; if ... P—Q Kt 4; 27 P×P, P×P; 28 K—K 2 and White is in little danger of losing.

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| 27 R—Q 2 | 26 R×P |
| 28 K—K 2 | 27 K—K 3 |
| 29 P—Kt 3 | 28 P—Kt 4 |

Now 29 R—Kt 2 and 30 K—Q 2 would be better. It is more important to get his own King across, thus freeing his Rook, than to hinder the Black King. The hole left at K B 3 by the text-move is a serious embarrassment later.

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| 30 K—K 1 | 29 P—Q R 4 |
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The course given in the last note is still good, and might have drawn—his last chance.

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| 31 K—Q 1 | 30 P—Kt 5 |
| 32 R—Q 8 | 31 P—B 4 |
| 33 R—Q 2 | 32 R—B 6! |
| 34 K—K 2 | 33 R—B 4 |
| 35 R—B 2 | 34 R—Q 4 |

Exchanging Rooks, followed by 38 R—Q 2 is not now good enough. White can, it is true, exhaust Black's King's side Pawn moves, but Black's reserve move of ... P—Q R 5 would then turn the scale.

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| 36 P—K R 3 | 35 K—Q 3 |
| 37 R—Q 2 ch | 36 R—B 4 |
| 38 K—K 1 | 37 K—B 3 |
| 39 K—K 2 | 38 R—B 8 ch |
| 40 K—Q 3 | 39 K—B 4 |
| 41 R—Kt 2 | 40 P—R 5 |
| 42 K—Q 2 | 41 R—B 6 ch |
| 43 K—Q 1 | 42 K—B 5 |
| 44 R—Kt 1 | 43 P—R 6 |
| 45 P×P | 44 P—Kt 6 |
| 46 R—B 1 ch | 45 R×P |
| 47 R—R 1 | 46 K—Q 6 |
| 48 Resigns | 47 P—R 7 |

GAME No. 5,399.

Played in the tournament at Buenos Aires.

English Opening.

WHITE		BLACK		WHITE		BLACK	
B. H. VILLEGAS		R. DE WITT		B. H. VILLEGAS		R. DE WITT	
1	P—Q B 4		Kt—K B 3	18	P—R 5		P×B P
2	P—Q 4		P—K Kt 3	19	P×P		R P×P
3	Kt—Q B 3		B—Kt 2	20	P—Kt 5		Kt—Kt 4
4	P—K 4		P—Q 3	21	Kt×Kt		P×Kt
5	Kt—B 3		Q Kt—Q 2	22	Kt—B 5		P×Kt
6	P—K R 3		P—K 4	23	P×P		B×P!
7	B—K 3		Castles	24	Q×B		R×P.
8	Q—B 2		P—B 3	25	B—Q 1		Q—R 4
9	B—K 2		R—K 1	26	B—B 2		P—K 5!
10	P—Q 5		P—B 4	27	Q—B 6		R—R 8 ch
11	P—K Kt 4		R—K 2	28	B—Kt 1		Q—R 7
12	Castles Q R		P—Q R 3	29	K—Q 2		P—B 6 ch
13	Q R—Kt 1		Kt—B 1	30	K×P		R×B
14	Kt—Q 2		Kt—K 1	31	R×R		Q—B 5 ch
15	P—K R 4		Kt—B 2	32	K—Q 2		Q—Q 6 ch
16	Kt—B 1		B—Q 2	33	K—B 1		B×Q
17	Kt—Kt 3		P—Q Kt 4	34	Resigns		

Two more games from the special opening tournament at the Marshall Chess Club.

GAME No. 5,400.

King's Bishop's Opening.

WHITE		BLACK		WHITE		BLACK	
E. THOLFSEN		F. J. MARSHALL		E. THOLFSEN		F. J. MARSHALL	
1	P—K 4		P—K 4	13	P×P		K—R 1
2	B—B 4		Kt—K B 3	14	Kt—B 3		B×Kt
3	P—Q 4		P×P	15	P×B		Q—Q 2
4	Kt—K B 3		Kt—B 3	16	B—R 4		B—B 4
5	P—K 5		P—Q 4	17	K—Kt 1		Kt×K B P
6	B—Kt 3		Kt—K 5	18	Q—Kt 5		Kt×R
7	P—B 3		B—K Kt 5	19	Q×Kt P		B×P
8	P×P		B—Kt 5 ch	20	B×Kt		Q—Kt 5
9	K—B 1		Castles	21	Q—Kt 2		Q R—Kt 1
10	P—K R 3		B—K 3	22	Kt—R 2		Q—K 5
11	B—K 3		P—B 3	23	Q—Q 2		Kt—Kt 6
12	Q—Q 3		P×P	24	Resigns		

GAME No. 5,401.

King's Bishop's Opening.

WHITE		BLACK		WHITE		BLACK	
C. TORRE		H. R. BIGELOW		C. TORRE		H. R. BIGELOW	
1	P—K 4		P—K 4	15	B×P		B—K 3
2	B—B 4		Kt—K B 3	16	Q—Q 3		K—Q 2
3	P—Q 4		P×P	17	Kt—R 4		B—Q 3
4	Kt—K B 3		Kt—B 3	18	Q—K 3		K R—K 1
5	P—K 5		P—Q 4	19	Q R—K 1		B—K Kt 5
6	B—Q Kt 5		Kt—K 5	20	Q—Q 2		B—K 3
7	Kt×P		B—Q B 4	21	P—B 4		B—Q Kt 5
8	B—K 3		B—Q 2	22	B—B 3		B×B
9	B×Kt		P×B	23	P×B		Q—R 6
10	Castles		Q—K 2	24	P×P		B×P
11	P—K B 3		Kt—Kt 4	25	Q—Q 4		R×R
12	P—K B 4		P—B 3	26	R×R		Q—B 1
13	P×Kt		P×K P	27	Kt—B 5 ch		K—Q 3?
14	Kt—Q B 3		P×Kt	28	R—K 6 mate		

PROBLEM WORLD.

By B. G. LAWS AND G. W. CHANDLER.

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BRITISH CHESS PROBLEM SOCIETY.

The last meeting of the season was held at St. Bride Institute on April 7th, when Mr. T. R. Dawson gave a most enjoyable Lecture to a fair attendance of members and friends. Taking "Ideas" as the subject of his paper, he showed how several familiar themes could be expressed and greatly extended through the media of Fairy Chess, and even an ardent stickler for orthodoxy could not deny the beauty and completeness of these renderings, indeed, they made one realise the limitations of ordinary Chess. Mr. Dawson has a wonderful grasp of his subject, and seemed to have every point of the problems at his finger tips, his demonstrations being so clear that one could follow the most complex analysis with ease and enjoyment.

Many London Members who met Major L. C. Thuillier, when home on leave some two years ago, will be interested to hear that he has started a chess column in the *Indian Daily Mail*. The few cuttings that have reached us are excellent, and if the Editor has a deal of educational work in front of him, we feel sure that he is on the way to establish a wider understanding of the Problem Art in India. There must be many chess players in out-of-the-way places in India to whom problems should be a real solace, and members of the Society who have Originals to spare cannot do better than send them to "Ajeeb," c/o *Indian Daily Mail*, 24-26 Dalal Street, Fort Bombay.

The Society's Fourth International Tourney has attracted a good entry. Sixty three-movers and forty four-movers have been received, and now in the judges' hands.

B.C.P.S. SOLVING TOURNEY.

No 5, by W. Greenwood.—1 R—K 8, B—Q 6; 2 Q—Q 6! (Key 10, variations 2, total 12 points). From the *Leeds Mercury*, 1905. The difficulty lies in the second move, which leads to a pretty two-mover.

No 6, by J. Juchli.—1 Q—Q B 1, threatening 2 Q×P, etc. If 1..., Q×Q; 2 R—B 5. If 1..., Q—R 5; 2 R—Q 5 ch. If 1..., K×R; 2 Q×P ch. (18 points). From a solving tourney at Lausanne, 1899. A very clever blend of strategy and beauty.

No. 7, by E. Brunner.—This unfortunate choice has six key-moves. The author's is 1 B—R 4, but it is cooked by 1 B—R 5, 1 R—R 7, 1 Q—R 8, 1 Q—Kt 4 and 1 Kt×P. Full points are therefore 90. We much regret the inclusion of this problem. It was taken from a reliable source, but we now learn that it had been partially corrected since its first publication in 1918.

No. 8, by J. Dobrusky.—1 R—B 6, but cooked by 1 Q—R 5 ch. The cook to this problem is surprising. It competed in the German Chess Association Tourney in 1883, and has been reproduced on more than one occasion since. The author's solution contains some beautiful sacrificial play. Full points are 30.

Solutions were received from A. H. Haddy (150 points), F. R. Adcock, C. Folley and the Rev. E. W. Poynton (135), G. S. Johnson (120), F. R. Carr and J. A. Lewis (75), J. Leishman (60) and J. Mackintosh (45).

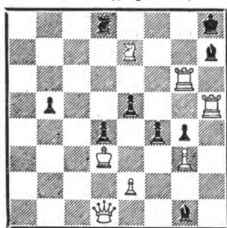
Solutions to the first four problems were received from N. V. Joshi (India), who scores 100 points.

Chess Amateur (1924) TOURNEY.

First Prize.

By G. F. ANDERSON.

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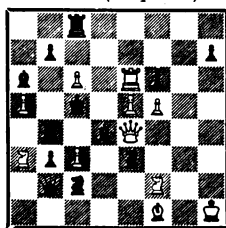
WHITE (7 pieces)

Mate in three.

Hon. Mention.

By M. NIEMIJER.

BLACK (12 pieces)



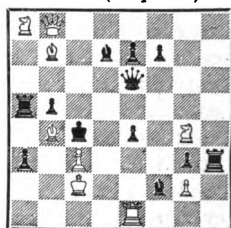
WHITE (11 pieces)

Mate in three.

Hon. Mention.

By G. GILLAM.

BLACK (12 pieces)



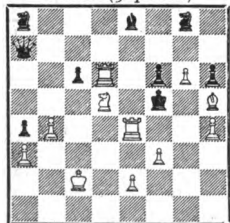
WHITE (9 pieces)

Mate in three.

These two problems are fascinatingly strategic. The four-mover which was shown to us by the Author before publication, we take from *The Western Morning Mercury*. The way the focal idea is brought to a head is most ingenious. As for the seven-mover, Mr. Wood has accomplished an extraordinary task. It appeared originally in the *Falkirk Herald* in February and was reproduced in *The Observer* of Hastings. Mr. A. C. White considered it "a marvel, a great problem,

By B. J. de C. ANDRADE.

BLACK (9 pieces)

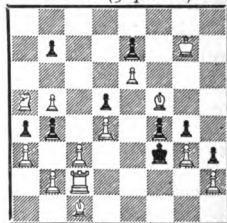


WHITE (11 pieces)

Mate in four.

By W. J. WOOD.

BLACK (9 pieces)



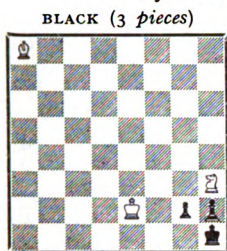
WHITE (13 pieces)

Mate in seven.

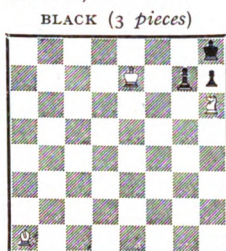
beautiful in its simplicity and directness of theme." Mr. Wood explained to us it was a quadruple "Indian," and the interpretation of this multiple strategy could not be presented in fewer than seven moves. This does not mean that there are four lines of play from the start, but its full solution will disclose that in the two lines, the Indian idea is doubled. In each case White manoeuvres by the Indian device to secure positions which carry out to the finish this popular form of thematic strategy.

Mr. J. A. Woolard, the Chess Editor of *The Yorkshire Budget* quoted recently the first of these positions from *The Australasian*, remarking the composer had reversed the board and produced another three-mover. This is a rather unusual case and can naturally only be effected where Pawns are on the board and we think it sufficiently interesting to set the pair before our readers. Mr. Bennett, we believe, must have been quite unaware of the existence of a position by Dr. Galitsky given in Blumenthal's *Schachminiaturen* 1903, which differs only in that the White King stands at K 8 in the second problem.

By F. BENNETT (Queensland).



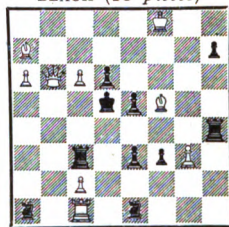
WHITE (3 pieces)
Mate in three.



WHITE (3 pieces)
Mate in three.

When Mr. Heathcote takes in hand anything in the nature of a set task, the result is certain to be all that can be desired, once it is released from his studio. The accompanying three-mover contributed to the *Weekly Westminster* is remarkable as showing four pin-model mates given by one Pawn. This statement is helping the solver but that matters little as we wish to point out the special feature of this unusual conception.

By G. HEATHCOTE.
BLACK (10 pieces)



WHITE (9 pieces)
Mate in three.

In reference to our comment upon K. Traxler's problem on page 199 that we saw no use for Black's Q R Pawn, Mr. Hosey Davis has discovered this Pawn should be a Bishop to stop a cook by 1 Q—K B 5 and a dual continuation after 1... K—B 4. The Bishop creates in a curious way a dual after 1... B—Kt 6, but one of little consequence. We have since found Mr. Davis' surmise was correct, for though we followed the copy we received and it corresponds with other reprints Dr. Palkoska has drawn our notice that in his column the position is as it should be, namely with Black Bishop at Q R 5 and not a Pawn.

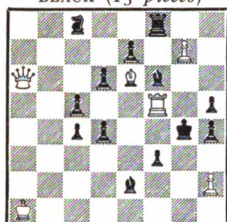
Another matter in relation to our criticisms; on the same page we did not do full justice to the three-mover by J. Balik. Dr. Palkoska has pointed out that this problem is a change-mate, (a fact which we confess we had not discerned,) which adds materially to its merits. Our solvers will enjoy the point 1... P—B 4; 2 Kt—K 5, K—K 5 3 B—B 3 model mate! The problem is a better one than we thought and we are pleased to do justice to its author.

"THE WEEKLY WESTMINSTER" PROBLEM COMPETITION.

The following are the four- and three-movers which Mr. Alain C. White has adjudicated for honours. Unfortunately we have discovered a dual in a principal line of play in Mr. Blake's four-mover which we fancy has hitherto escaped detection.

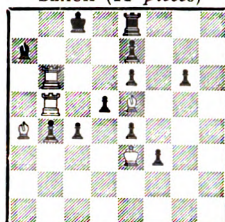
Four-Mover.

First Prize.
By P. F. BLAKE.
BLACK (13 pieces)



WHITE (6 pieces)
Mate in four.

Second Prize.
By G. F. ANDERSON.
BLACK (11 pieces)



WHITE (5 pieces)
Mate in four.

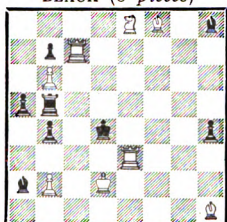
Hon. Mention.
By A. W. MONGREDIEN.
BLACK (6 pieces).



WHITE (5 pieces)
Mate in four.

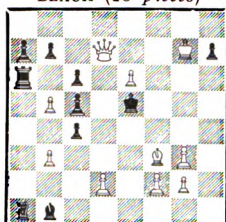
Three-Mover.

First Prize.
By M. NIEMEYER and
H. WEENINK.
BLACK (8 pieces)



WHITE (8 pieces)
Mate in three.

Second Prize.
By DR. E. PALKOSKA.
BLACK (10 pieces)



WHITE (10 pieces)
Mate in three.

Hon. Mention.
By B. J. de C. ANDRADE.
BLACK (5 pieces)



WHITE (8 pieces)
Mate in three.

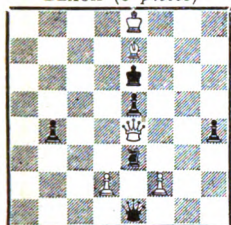
Alfiere di Re, the Chess Magazine published at Palermo, Italy, announces competitions for two and three-movers. In the case of the two-movers, any problem published during 1925 will be eligible for the prizes of 200, 150 and 100 Lira respectively, with a year's copy of the Magazine for fourth prize. For the three-movers the entries (no limit being stipulated) must be sent, each problem with a distinct motto and a sealed envelope (motto on outside) containing name and address. Date of acceptance 30th instant, up to which time corrections if desired can be made. Prizes 250, 150 and 100 Lira respectively with a copy of the Magazine for one year as fourth prize. Signor Valentin Marin will adjudicate the three-movers, the judge for the two-movers has not been decided upon. All competitors will receive a copy of the Magazine in which their problems appear and the problems forwarded are to become the property of *Alfiere di Re*.

Falkirk Herald. MEMORIAL TO MRS. BAIRD TOURNEY.

First Prize.

By T. R. DAWSON.

BLACK (6 pieces)



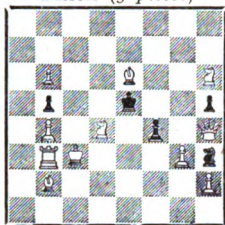
WHITE (5 pieces)

Mate in two.

Second Prize.

By B. COPLAND.

BLACK (5 pieces)



WHITE (11 pieces)

Mate in two.

Third Prize.

By
Rev. N. BONAVIA-HUNT.

BLACK (8 pieces)



WHITE (10 pieces)

Mate in two.

Fourth prize : W. E. Lester. Hon. Mentions : R. G. Thomson and W. E. Lester. It will be observed the pieces are arranged as pictorial outlines or letters.

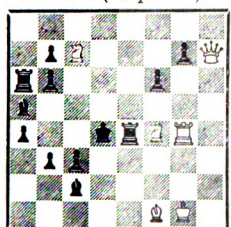
The *Dresdner Anzeiger* announces an International Tourney for Three-Movers, (direct and conditionless). Problems to be sent with diagram, literal notation to confirm and full solution, under a motto, up to August 31st, to Dr. Christoph Jobst, editor of the chess column of the *Dresdner Anzeiger*, Dresden A.21, Gartenheimallee 13. The address of the composer must be sent in a closed envelope, with the motto. Prizes 100, 50, 30 and 20 Marks. Special prize of 30 M. for a Dresden composition. Judges : O. Dehler, Reichett, and Dr. Jobst. Problems will be published in the *Dresdner Anzeiger* up to March 1st, 1926. If the winning problem should be proved unsound, the next on the list takes the prize.

Lidovych Novin TOURNEY (1924).

First Prize.

By C. A. L. BULL.

BLACK (12 pieces).



WHITE (6 pieces)

Mate in three.

Second Prize.

By C. KAINER.

BLACK (12 pieces)



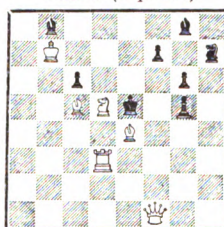
WHITE (8 pieces)

Mate in three.

Third Prize.

By F. MATOUSEK.

BLACK (8 pieces)



WHITE (6 pieces)

Mate in three.

Fourth Prize : F. Matousek. Fifth : J. Drnek. Sixth : J. Gentner. Hon. Mentions : J. Hlineny, M. Havel, C. Kainer and J. Cumpe.

SOLVERS' SCORE—"LADDER" COMPETITION.

Problems (March) 2,507 to 2,510 inclusive.

Dr. Tennant Bruce (550) 5-5-10-20 (590); L. W. Cafferata (50) 5-5-10-20 (90); †A. T. Cannell (210) 5-5-10-20 (250); J. Chadwick (Sydney) (100); *R. W. Clark (Canada) (75) 5-5-10-20 (115); *W. H. Cutland (305) 5-5-10-20 (345); J. W. Davies (30); **F. J. Dennis (545) 5-5-10-20 (585); *J. C. Derlien (645) 5-5-10-20 (685); Rev. A. S. Dean (290); *C. Folley (380) 5-5-10-20 (420); **Albert Haddy (285) 5-5-10-20 (325); **W. F. Herbert (545); Rev. F. O'D. Hoare (410) 5-5-10-20 (450); A. Galbraith (70) 0-5-5-0 (80); †G. Stillingfleet Johnson (550) 5-5-10-20 (590); N. V. Joshi (Pusa, India) (425) 5-5-10-0 (445); †Frederick Lee (0) 5-5-10-20 (40); J. A. Lewis (310) 5-5-10-20 (350); *Hubert Lees (Auckland) (410 + 10 Dec. + 5-0-10-10 Jan.=445); T. W. R. Leistikow (255); **Rev. N. Munro (440) 0-5-10-20 (475); D. Murray (335) 5-5-10-20 (375); *Johannes Nielson (115) 5-5-10-20 (155); **A. Peacock (565) 5-5-10-20 (605); E. W. Punnett (120) 5-5-10-20 (160); T. Rosenfield (265 from March) 5-5-10-20 (305); Rev. J. Schipper (65) 5-5-10-20 (105); F. W. Syberg (85) 5-5-10-0 (105); *O. L. Telling (Monte Carlo) (90) 5-5-10-0 (110); "Tiro" (Ribe, Denmark) (340) 5-5-10-20 (380); A. A. Vaughan (165) 5-5-10-20 (205); *Rev. E. Wells (60) 5-5-10-20 (100); M. E. L. Wills (Gibraltar) (55); W. A. Way (Malay States) (295 + 40 Feb.=335).

J. C. Derlien is the successful solver in the March totals with his 685 points which is indicated by the usual asterisk.

SOLUTIONS.

No. 2,507, by C. Mansfield.—1 B—Kt 3. A piquant and original idea rendered with perfect harmony and balance. There are but five defences to the threat, but there is some point of interest in each. Note the thematic key, natural setting and clean construction.

No. 2,508, by Rev. N. Bonavia-Hunt.—1 R—B 1. The key permits several adverse checks, but it is soon seen that the Rook must move. There are some good variations, notably 1... Kt×Kt and 1... B×Kt. Not an easy idea to carry out.

No. 2,509, by J. Cauveren.—1 Kt—K 8, threatening 2 Kt×P ch. If 1... P or Kt—B 4; 2 Q×R P ch. If 1... K—B 4; 2 Q—R 5 ch. If 1... K—Q 4; 2 Kt×P ch. A fair Queen and Knight problem, with a good key and five model mates, but the use of a dozen Pawns rather mars the artistic effect.

No. 2,510, by K. Sypniewski.—1 Q—R 1! If 1... R—Q 4; 2 (threat) Kt×P, R—K 4; 3 Q—K Kt 1, etc. If 2... other; 3 Q—K 1 ch. If 1... R—Q 5; 2 Kt—B 3 ch, K—K 4 ch; 3 Kt—K 4! If 1... R—Q R 2; 2 Q—R 8, P—K 4; 3 Q—K R 1 ch. A clever four-mover with an excellent key, for a move up the diagonal looks far stronger than the retreat into the corner. The mainplay is very good and lends difficulty to the problem. The setting suggests a lateral model mate with the Black King on Q B 5 and the White Knight on Q B 3, but this is one of several false trails. Despite the absence of clean mates, there is much to admire in this problem.

By Dr. O. T. Bláthy (p. 145).—This is a block position and White manoeuvres so that the position shown on the diagram is arrived at but with Black to play. 1 Kt—K 4, R—Kt 5; 2 Kt—R 6, R—Kt 3; 3 Kt—B 7, R—Kt 1; 4 Kt—K 5, R—Kt 3; [if 4... R—Kt 5; 5 Kt—B 6]; 5 Kt (K 5)—Q 7, R—Kt 4; 6 P×R, P—R 5; 7 P×P. If 2... R—Kt 1; 3 Kt—Kt 8 followed by 4 Kt—K 7; 5 Kt—B 6 or ×P. If 1... R—Kt 3; 2 Kt—B 6, 3 Kt×P or Kt—Q 7 or ×P.

The scheme is wonderfully ingenious. It does not look likely at first that Black's Rook can be captured in time, but the timing play of the Knight to command as occasion requires the three sets of two unoccupied Black squares is a thoughtful piece of strategy.

By D. Przepiorka (p. 145 and 199).—1 P—Kt 4, P×P (best); 2 Q—K 5, R—R 4; 3 Kt—R 4, Q×Kt; 4 Q—B 5, P×Q; 5 B—B 5. Though a little forceful by reason of the continued threatened short mates the idea is piquant. White's first five moves draws Black's men around the pinned Rook so that it cannot move after being unpinned by the Bishop. We have some recollection that the idea has been treated in connection with a Black Knight, but perhaps not so completely.

By H. Weenink (p. 196).—1 B—B 8, B—K 5; 2 Kt×P dis ch. If 1..., P—K 5; 2 Kt—B 6 dis ch. If 1..., B×R; 2 P×B. If 1..., P×Kt; 2 R×P ch. If 1..., others; 2 Q×R ch.

By L. B. Salkind (p. 196).—1 Q—R 6, Kt×Q; 2 B—B 2 ch. If 1..., P×R; 2 Q—Kt 7 ch. If 1..., K—B 4; 2 Kt×B ch. If 1..., P—B 7; 2 Q—Q 2 ch. If 1..., others; 2 R×P ch or R—Q 6 ch accordingly.

By Dr. F. Rduch (p. 196).—1 Q—K B 1, K—Q 4; 2 Kt—B 3 ch. If 1..., Kt or P×P; 2 Kt—B 5 ch. If 1..., K—B 4; 2 Kt—Kt 4 dis ch. If 1..., Kt else; 2 Q—B 4 ch. If 1..., others; 2 Kt—B 3.

By B. J. de C. Andrade (p. 196).—1 Q—Q 7.

By Dr. F. B. Feast (p. 196).—1 P—B 4.

By C. G. Watney (p. 196).—1 Kt—Kt 5.

By E. E. Westbury (p. 197).—1 B—B 8. A splendid key which develops some original finales. Every defence to the threat produces something interesting.

By L. Schor (p. 197).—1 K—R 5. Peculiar in White King changing the pin from one piece to that of another. The variety is nicely worked in.

By Simay-Molnar (p. 197).—1 R—R 2. Though the key fortifies the Queen on the second rank, it is good as it certainly leaves a fine promising position. The defences and replies are quite nice.

By A. Mari (p. 197).—1 Kt—Q 5, P or B×Kt; 2 Q—Q 4 ch. If 1..., K×Kt; 2 P—B 4 ch. If 1..., P—K 4; 2 Kt—B 6 ch. If 1..., B×Q B; 2 Kt—B 3 ch. If 1..., P—B 7; 2 Q—Kt 2 ch. If 1..., B—B 5 or ×K B; 2 R—B 4 ch. If 1..., B—Kt 3; P×B dis ch. If 1..., others; 2 R×P ch. One's mind is soon made up that the Knight must move, but even the actual key is not encouraging unless the sacrifice, a subtle stroke, is seen. A fairly well-varied problem and some pleasing though not model mates excepting of course, in the chief line.

By N. K. Malakhoff (p. 197).—1 Q—Q 8, P×R; 2 Q—Q 2. If 1..., B—R 2; 2 R—K 5 ch. If 1..., K B else; 2 Kt—R 4 ch. If 1..., others; 2 R—K 5 ch. The key-move is not difficult to discover, but the continuations are really good.

By Dr. E. Palkoska (p. 197).—1 R—K 3, R×R; 2 R×P. If 1..., P×Kt; 2 Q—K 4 ch. If 1..., Kt moves; 2 Q—Kt 6 ch. If 1..., others; 2 Kt—Kt 3 ch. A dainty piece of work. White prettily induces the Black Rook to K 6 and so draws its teeth as it were, enabling the nice quiet second move R×P. The play after 1..., P×Kt ends in a curious model.

By Pirnie and Hume (p. 197).—1 Kt—B 6, P×Kt; 2 R×P dis ch. If 1..., R×either R; 2 R×R dis ch. If 1..., R—Kt 5, B 5, K 5 or Q 5; 2 R—Kt 5, B 5, K 5 or Q 5 dis ch accordingly. A concurrent theme of some originality. The key-move is decidedly good and the continuations amusing.

By Pirnie and Hume (p. 197).—1 B—R 4, Kt×P; 2 B—Q 1 ch, Kt—Kt 5; 3 B—K Kt 5, P moves; 4 B×R P, P moves; 5 B×Kt P. If 1..., Kt—B 3; 2 B—Q 1 ch, Kt—Kt 5; 3 B—K Kt 5, P—Q 5; 4 Kt×P, P—Kt 7 ch; 5 Kt×P. If 1..., P—Q 5; 2 B—K Kt 5, Kt moves; 2 B—Q 1 ch and continue as above. This problem has special merit in the feature that Black's advanced Rook's Pawn is captured by Bishop and Knight, the latter capture being surprising. The timing of the moves is excellent making this an enjoyable self-mate.

By D. Przepiorka (p. 199).—See above.

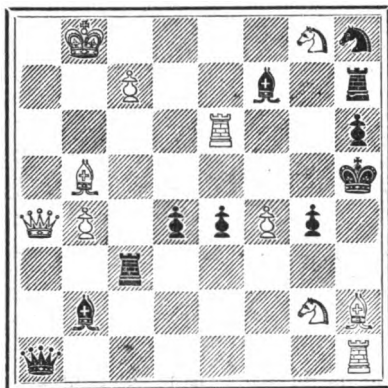
By C. Mansfield (p. 199).—1 Q—R 8.

ORIGINAL PROBLEMS.

No. 2,515.

By B. J. DE C. ANDRADE
(London).

BLACK (11 pieces)



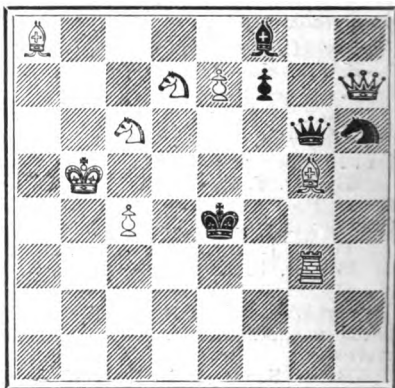
WHITE (11 pieces)

White mates in two moves.

No. 2,516.

By A. ELLERMAN
(Buenos Aires).

BLACK (5 pieces)



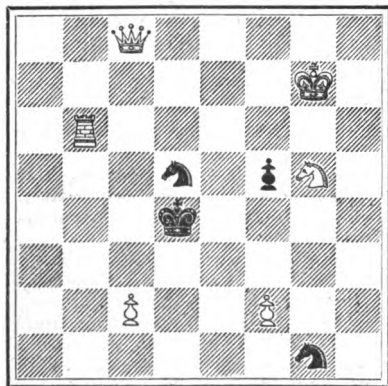
WHITE (9 pieces)

White mates in two moves.

No. 2,517.

By DR. E. PALKOSKA
(Prague).

BLACK (4 pieces)



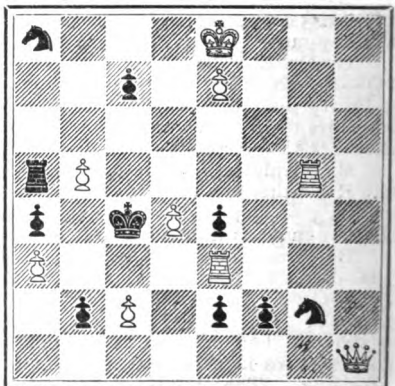
WHITE (6 pieces)

White mates in three moves.

No. 2,518.

By K. A. L. KUBBEL
(Leningrad).

BLACK (10 pieces)



WHITE (9 pieces)

White mates in three moves.

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BADEN-BADEN TOURNAMENT.

This great masters' tournament came to an end on May 13th, when, after 21 rounds, the famous young Russian, Alexander Alekhine, achieved a magnificent victory. With 12 wins and 8 draws he was a point and a half ahead of his nearest rival. We doubt whether he has ever done better, in one sustained effort, than at Baden-Baden, and he is certainly one of the finest tournament players the world has ever seen.

Rubinstein, the Polish-Jewish master, was also in very fine form and at the start led even Alekhine. A lapse or two, one being serious, let him down a little afterwards, but he retained his grip on the second prize. Sämisch showed himself a worthy follower of the great German experts of the past, and with youth in his favour ought to go far in the years to come. Bogoljuboff did not begin well, but pulled up later, and thoroughly deserved fourth prize. Marshall, with 11 draws, and Tartakover, with no less than 13, had a great race, Marshall leading the other till near the end, but finishing less strongly. Both have reason for satisfaction, mingled perhaps with a little regret over the too frequent half. Rabinovitch showed that his Russian form can be reproduced in international company also. Grünfeld was somewhat disappointing. Occasional attacks of "chess blindness" was the cause, according to the *Deutsches Wochenschach*. Nimzovitch was good, but not at his very best; while Torre, in his first great tournament, gave hopes of better things to come.

The scores of the ten prize-winners among themselves, were : Alekhine $6\frac{1}{2}$, Rubinstein $4\frac{1}{2}$, Sämisch $4\frac{1}{2}$, Bogoljuboff 4, Marshall $5\frac{1}{2}$, Tartakover 5, Rabinovitch $3\frac{1}{2}$, Grünfeld $4\frac{1}{2}$, Nimzovitch 3, and Torre 4.

The non prize winners were headed by no less a master than Reti, whom most judges would, with some confidence, have forecasted as likely to be well up the prize-list. As he scored 4 against the ten leaders and only $3\frac{1}{2}$ against the seven bottom players, it looks as if he did not sufficiently regard the importance of playing to the board, not the man!

The modest position of our English representatives is naturally a disappointment over here. Yates finished up with losses against Torre and Colle, and he had a poor score against those below him in the table. On the other hand, his score against the prize-winners was no worse than Rabinovitch's, and better than Nimzovitch's. Sir George Thomas, apart from his wins against Reti, Yates and

Tarrasch, had to be content with 6 drawn games and the rest losses. This obviously does not represent his best form. Table :—

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	Score.	Prize.
1 A. Alekhine ..	—	$\frac{1}{2}$	I	$\frac{1}{2}$	I	$\frac{1}{2}$	I	$\frac{1}{2}$	I	$\frac{1}{2}$	I	$\frac{1}{2}$	I	$\frac{1}{2}$	I	$\frac{1}{2}$	I	I	I	I	I	16	I
2 A. Rubinstein ..	$\frac{1}{2}$	—	$\frac{1}{2}$	I	$\frac{1}{2}$	O	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	I	$\frac{1}{2}$	I	$\frac{1}{2}$	I	I	I	I	I	I	I	I	I	14 $\frac{1}{2}$	II
3 F. Sämisch ..	O	$\frac{1}{2}$	—	I	O	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	I	$\frac{1}{2}$	I	I	I	I	I	I	O	I	I	I	I	13 $\frac{1}{2}$	III
4 E. D. Bogoljuboff	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	O	—	O	I	O	O	I	I	I	I	I	$\frac{1}{2}$	O	$\frac{1}{2}$	I	I	I	I	I	13	IV
5 F. J. Marshall ..	O	$\frac{1}{2}$	I	I	—	I	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	O	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	I	I	$\frac{1}{2}$	I	I	12 $\frac{1}{2}$	V
6 S. G. Tartakover ..	$\frac{1}{2}$	I	$\frac{1}{2}$	O	$\frac{1}{2}$	—	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	I	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	I	I	$\frac{1}{2}$	I	$\frac{1}{2}$	I	12 $\frac{1}{2}$	VI
7 E. Rabinovitch ..	O	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	I	O	$\frac{1}{2}$	—	$\frac{1}{2}$	O	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	I	I	$\frac{1}{2}$	I	$\frac{1}{2}$	I	12	VII
8 E. Grünfeld ..	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	I	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	—	$\frac{1}{2}$	O	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	I	I	O	$\frac{1}{2}$	I	O	I	I	I	11 $\frac{1}{2}$	VIII
9 A. Nimzovitch ..	O	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	O	O	$\frac{1}{2}$	O	$\frac{1}{2}$	—	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	O	$\frac{1}{2}$	I	I	$\frac{1}{2}$	I	$\frac{1}{2}$	I	I	11	IX
10 C. Torre ..	$\frac{1}{2}$	O	$\frac{1}{2}$	O	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	O	O	$\frac{1}{2}$	—	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	O	O	O	I	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	I	I	I	10 $\frac{1}{2}$	X
11 R. Reti ..	O	$\frac{1}{2}$	O	O	I	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	I	O	$\frac{1}{2}$	—	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	I	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	O	I	O	I	10	
12 R. Spielmann ..	$\frac{1}{2}$	O	O	O	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	O	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	O	—	$\frac{1}{2}$	I	I	I	O	I	$\frac{1}{2}$	I	I	10	
13 K. Treybal ..	O	O	O	O	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	O	$\frac{1}{2}$	I	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	O	—	I	O	$\frac{1}{2}$	I	I	$\frac{1}{2}$	I	I	10	
14 C. Carls ..	O	$\frac{1}{2}$	O	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	—	O	O	I	I	I	I	I	9	
15 F. D. Yates ..	O	O	O	I	$\frac{1}{2}$	O	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	O	$\frac{1}{2}$	O	O	I	I	—	O	O	O	I	O	I	8	
16 S. Roselli ..	$\frac{1}{2}$	O	$\frac{1}{2}$	O	$\frac{1}{2}$	O	O	$\frac{1}{2}$	O	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	O	$\frac{1}{2}$	O	I	—	I	I	O	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	7 $\frac{1}{2}$	
17 S. Tarrasch ..	O	$\frac{1}{2}$	I	$\frac{1}{2}$	O	$\frac{1}{2}$	O	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	O	$\frac{1}{2}$	O	I	O	—	O	O	$\frac{1}{2}$	7 $\frac{1}{2}$	
18 E. Colle ..	O	O	O	O	O	$\frac{1}{2}$	O	I	O	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	I	O	O	I	O	O	—	O	I	7	
19 J. Mieses ..	O	O	O	O	$\frac{1}{2}$	O	$\frac{1}{2}$	O	O	O	O	$\frac{1}{2}$	O	O	O	O	I	I	I	—	I	6 $\frac{1}{2}$	
20 Sir G. A. Thomas ..	O	O	O	O	O	$\frac{1}{2}$	O	$\frac{1}{2}$	O	$\frac{1}{2}$	O	I	O	O	O	I	$\frac{1}{2}$	I	O	O	$\frac{1}{2}$	6	
21 J. W. te Kolsté ..	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	—	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	

MARIENBAD TOURNAMENT.

This international masters' tournament began on May 21st—only a week after the completion of the Baden-Baden contest—and is due to finish on June 8th. The number of competitors was increased to sixteen, as follows :—

E. Grünfeld, A. Haida, D. Janowski, F. J. Marshall, R. P. Michell, A. Nimzovitch, C. Opocensky, D. Przepiorka, R. Reti, A. Rubinstein, F. Sämisch, R. Spielmann, R. Tartakover, Sir G. A. Thomas, C. Torre and F. D. Yates.

There are thus eleven of the Baden-Baden players, reinforced by Haida and Opocensky from Czecho-Slovakia, Michell from England, Przepiorka from Poland, and the famous veteran Janowski. Of these only A. Haida is unknown to us here. In Ranneforth's *Schach-Kalendar* he appears as "Haida, Augustin," of Brünn; but we have seen also a statement that he has entered from Switzerland.

There was an exchange of after-dinner witticisms between Sir Arthur Boscawen and the Archbishop of Canterbury at the Festival of the Sons of the Clergy Corporation on Wednesday. Sir Arthur, in proposing the health of the Prelates, said that their friendship had cured him of the haunting fear with which he had been inspired as a boy by that horrible diagonal, the Bishop's move in chess. The Archbishop of Canterbury, in replying to the toast, referred to Sir Arthur's jest about the Bishop's move and asked him to go to the chess board and consider the still trickier nature of the Knight's move.

REVIEWS.

Paul Morphy. By Geza Maroczy. Second edition. Published by Messrs. Walter de Gruyter & Co., of Berlin and Leipzig. Price 8 Marks; bound 9.50 Marks.

The first edition of this excellent work was originally published by Messrs. Veit & Co., of Leipzig, in 1905, and established itself at once as the standard complete (or nearly complete) edition of Morphy's games. In the second edition, one naturally looks to see what alterations, additions and excisions have been made. One game was re-discovered and re-published in the *British Chess Magazine* some years ago. This game, an offhand Ruy Lopez won by Morphy against Arnous de Rivière in Paris in 1863, is duly included in this second edition. On the other hand, Mr. Maroczy does not include the beginning of the game No. 400 in his collection, which Morphy won blindfold against General Bousserolles in Paris in 1859, although Mr. Stasch Mlotkowski published the whole game in a Los Angeles chess column about a year ago.

The alterations are not numerous, except in the setting of the less important games in current, as opposed to tabular, form. We observe very little change in annotation; but when we come to the excisions, there is considerable difference between the two editions. The introductory matter is now five pages, instead of eight, and the total number of pages is 290, instead of 436. *Zweifelhafte Partien* have mostly disappeared, so that we now have 403 instead of 407 games, or parts of games. One excision might well have been made. The game numbered 82, as was pointed out by Mr. J. H. Blake in his notice of *Morphy's Games of Chess*, by Mr. P. W. Sergeant, in the *British Chess Magazine* of February 1916, is without doubt spurious. It should, therefore, have ceased to appear in a collection of Morphy's games.

We are surprised that in the authorities quoted, no mention is made of the last English work on Morphy—the book referred to above, by Mr. P. W. Sergeant. This book, however, is one which we can strongly recommend to all English readers who have a smattering of German.

R.C.G.

Das Grossmeister-Turnier, New York, 1924, annotated by A. Alekhine. 337 pages. Price 12.50 Marks, or 14 bound. Published by Walter de Gruyter & Co., of Berlin and Leipzig.

The Book of the New York International Chess Tournament, 1924, containing the authorised account of the 110 games played March-April, 1924. With original annotations by Alexander Alekhine. Edited by Herman Helms, of America. *The American Chess Bulletin*, 150 Nassau Street, New York. \$3 or 12s. 6d. in England.

To those who have the slight knowledge necessary to read chess German, we can thoroughly recommend the German edition. The printing and diagrams are excellent, and it is in the international notation, which is scientifically more correct than the English, and

except for those who are troubled with poor eyesight, and might read "c" for "e," makes the playing through of the games in this edition an easy matter. In the book published jointly by the *American Chess Bulletin* and the Printing Craft, Limited, the introduction by N. L. Lederer, the review of the tournament, and the summary of play are all good, and it is, of course, easier for an Englishman to read the notes in his own language. These are splendidly done throughout the book, and most chessplayers will be pleased with the translation of Alekhine's notes on "The significance of the New York Tournament on the light of the theory of the openings," by H. R. Bigelow.

The English edition is published at 12/6 and is now procurable. This is bound in stout cloth covers, uniform with the London and Hastings books. We understand from the editor that included in the English copy will be a short list of errata, which neither American or German editions have included; also, the English edition contains all the photographs of the players. The diagrams are certainly inferior to those in the German. The valuable notes by A. Alekhine will be read by all students of the openings with very great interest, and enhance the value of the book considerably. We can imagine no more valuable aid to a sound knowledge of the game, than the study of these fine games. Especially are the end-games, of which there are many fine examples, made the more interesting by his excellent notes.

R.C.G.

A.B.C. des Schachspiel. By J. Minckwitz. 4th edition, revised by R. Max Blumich. Berlin and Leipzig: W. de Gruyter & Co. 4 M. unbound, 5 M. bound.

Die Schachschule. By J. Metger. 2nd edition. Same publishers. 2.50 M. unbound.

These are both new and revised editions of two useful elementary chess works, well-known to players acquainted with the German language. Each has been brought well up-to-date, which has of course increased the value considerably. We do not know that we can say more than that we can commend them strongly. It is astonishing what a number of good German books on chess are being turned out at the present time by the enterprising firm of de Gruyter.

Schacherinnerungen. By Fritz Riemann. Part 3. Same publishers. M.3 unbound.

In our January issue we noted the appearance of the first two parts of this work. The third now lies before us, bringing the number of pages up to 416 and the number of games up to 468. In date the point reached is the Nuremberg tournament of 1883, when the author did well enough to come above such noted players as Schallopp, J. Schwarz, Hruby, Weiss, Schottländer, the two Paulsens, Gunsberg, etc. and to tie for sixth place.

One more part will complete Herr Riemann's work.

CHESS NOTES AND PROBLEMS

(Continued from page 222).

The solution of the Chess Problem and Cross Word Puzzle, by H. H. Cudmore, given on page 155 of the April number, is for the Chess Problem 1 P—K 4. If 1., P×P *e.p.*; 2 Q—Q R 1 mate. If 1., K×R; 2 Kt—Kt 4 mate. If 1., Kt×R; 2 Q×B P mate. If 1., Kt—B 1; Q—Kt 5 mate. If 1., Kt—B 5; 2 Q×Kt mate. If 1., any other; 2 R—K 6 mate. For the Cross Word Puzzle: 1. Perforations. 2. Conglomerate. 3. Remuneration. 4. Maiden. 5. Untie. 6. N.E. 7. Rays. 8. Apr. 9. Ir. 10. Rane. 11. Ay. 12. R.N. 13. Fit. 14. Byre. 15. Odious. 16. Often. 17. Reefs. 18. Ah. 19. Hi. 20. An. 21. Prism. 22. Swain. 23. Hero. 24. Aims. 25. Icen. 26. Ope. 27. Our. 28. Myopia. 29. Ye. 30. O.M. 31. Endorsements. 32. We. 33. Cud.

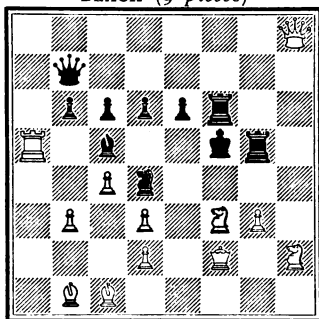
Up to the date of writing I have twenty-six envelopes marked Cross Word Puzzle No. 1, and one will be chosen next month from the batch received up to the end of May, which, if correct, will entitle the solver to the prize, if incorrect, then a second, and so on until a correct one is found.

The solution of Problems Nos. 5 and 6 for Juniors, page 222, are as follows: **5** This was a position which occurred in a game played by B. Goulding Brown, of Cambridge, who won by 1 Q×R, R×Q; 2 R—K 8 ch. Here his opponent played 2., R×R and resigned the next move. A better fighting chance is 2., K—Kt 2; 3 R×R, P—Q B 3; 4 R×P, Q—Kt 3; 5 P—Q 8=Q, B×Q; 6 Kt—K 5 and wins. A similar position may also occur from 1 R—K 8 ch. **6** A problem by A. W. Daniel, which is a win for White by 1 K—Q 6 dis ch, K—Q 1; 2 R—B 8 ch, K×R; 3 R—K 8 mate. If 1 R—B 2; 2 R—K 8 ch, K—Kt 2; 3 R×R ch and wins.

The solutions of the Senior Problems (page 222) are: **5** Composed by A. W. Daniel is a win for White by 1 Kt—B 7, K—Kt 3; 2 Kt—Q 5 ch, K—B 4; 3 R×Kt P ch, P×R; 4 B—Kt 4 ch, K×Kt; 5 P—B 4 ch, P×P; 6 R—Q 4 ch, B×R; 7 P—K 4 ch, B×P; 8 B—K 6 ch, K—K 4; 9 B—Q 6 mate. If 3., K×R; 4 P—B 4 ch, K—B 4; 5 B—Kt 4 mate. If 2., K—R 4; 3 R×R P mate. If 1., B×Kt; 2 K×B, P—Kt 3 dis ch; 3 K—B 6, B×R ch; 4 R×B dis ch, P—Kt 5; 5 B×P mate. In this variation if 3., R—B 7 ch; 4 K×R, Q—B 5 mate; 5 P×Q, B×R; 6 R×B ch, P—Kt 5; 7 B×P ch, K—Kt 4; 8 B—Q 7 mate. Or 2., B×Q; 3 R×B dis ch, P—Kt 5; 4 B×P ch, K—Kt 4; 5 B—Q 7 mate. Or 1., B—Q B 6; 2 B×B, R—Q 8 ch; 3 R—Q 4 dis ch, P—Kt 5; 4 B×P ch, K—Kt 3; 5 Kt—Q 5 ch, K—Kt 4; 6 P—B 4 mate. In this variation if 3., K—Kt 3; 4 Kt—Q 5 ch, K—B 4; 5 B—Kt 4 mate. Or 2., K—Kt 3; 3 Kt—Q 5 ch, K—B 4; 4 B—Q 4 ch, K×Kt; 5 B—Kt 6, B×R; 6 B×B ch, K—K 4; 7 B—B 7 mate. The position is ingeniously conceived and rather reminds me of the one I saw recently in the *Sheffield Star* in which the chess editor stated "A very amusing historical article on the chess exploits of the celebrated Baron Munchausen appears in the *Australasian* from

the pen of Mr. Schachoffski, the esteemed secretary of the Croajingalong Chess Club. The article is illustrated with the following which is given as a specimen of the Baron's habit, in off-hand games, of playing for bizarre positions."

BLACK (9 pieces)



WHITE (11 pieces)

The Baron won as follows :—

- | | |
|-----------------|--------------|
| 1 Kt—R 4 ch | K—K 4 dis ch |
| 2 Kt(R2)—B 3 ch | Kt×Kt dis ch |
| 3 P—Q 4 ch | Kt×P dis ch |
| 4 Kt—B 3 ch | Kt×Kt dis ch |
| 5 P—Q 4 ch | Kt×P dis ch |
| 6 B—B 4 mate ! | |

Problem No. 6 is also by A. W. Daniel and is a draw by 1 P—Kt 7 ch, K×B ; 2 R×Kt ch, K×R (best) ; 3 P—Kt 8=Kt ch, K—Kt 4 ; 4 R—Kt 7 ch, K—Kt 3 ; 5 R×Kt, K×R ; 6 Kt—K 7 ch forking the Queen and drawing. To the problems in the April number, page 156, I have seven solutions to the Junior problems, and fourteen to the Senior, a huge total of twenty ! It seems scarcely worth the trouble, for it means four or five evenings' work a month. The numbers are a lot worse than last year, and unless they materially increase in the next two months, I shall drop it finally ; it is distinctly galling to think Cross Word Puzzles are more interesting to readers.

I am sorry to find that Mr. du Mont has let me down in Problem No. 4 for Juniors. As I stated last month I extracted it from his book, *Elements of Chess*, and never thought it necessary to check it. A mate in four should of course be possible whatever the opponent can play, but in this case Black has several ways of avoiding the mate. I am therefore cancelling it for scoring purposes, and ask the "Juniors" to accept my sincere apologies.

In Problem No. 3. (a) 1 K—K 2, K—B 6 ; 2 K—Q 1, K—Kt 7 ; 3 P—Kt 3 will also force the draw. The key-move is of course P—Kt 3. The marks for Problem 3 are : "Knowsley," 17, 10, 27 (the middle figure being for the problem, the first the score brought forward, and the third the total) ; "E.H.K.B.," 16, 10, 16 ; "Pawn," 16, 9, 25 ; "Tyro," 15, 10, 25 ; "Lopez," 13, 10, 23 ; "Synopsis," 13, 10, 23 ; "R.D.D."—13, 6, 19 ; "Rook"—16 ; No solutions, 16.

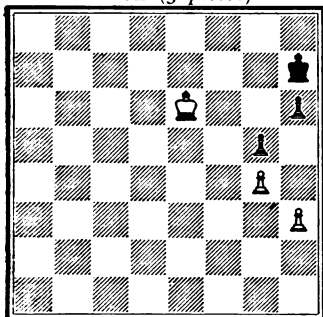
All the Seniors solved Problem No. 3, but as I expected, the attempt to construct the same position as Problem No. 4 from a Queen's Pawn game were somewhat weird, none of the solvers gave my variation of the French, but got it generally from a variation of the usual form, such as 1 P—K 4, P—K 3 ; 2 P—Q 4, P—Q 4 ; 3 P×P, P×P ; 4 Kt—K B 3, B—K Kt 5 ; 5 P—B 4, Kt—Q B 3 ; 6 P×P, Q×P ; 7 Kt—B 3, B—Kt 5 ; 8 B—K 2, Castles Q R, which is quite sound.

The scores stand as follows : "Pussycat," 17, 10, 8, 35 ; "A—A," 12, 10, 7, 29 ; "Nemo," 13, 10, 6, 29 ; "Delta," 12, 10, 6, 28 ; "G.A.W.," 14, 80, 4, 28 ; "Nuorb," 10, 10, 7, 27 ; "Clare," 11, 10, 6, 27 ; "Beta," 8, 10, 8, 26 ; "Sirius," 7, 10, 9, 26 ; "Gambit," 10, 10, 4, 24 ; "Cic," 10, 10, 4, 24 ; "O.L.T.," 8, 10, 4, 22 ; "Squibs," —, 10, 8, 18 ; "A.G.A.," —, 10, —, 10.

PROBLEMS FOR JUNIORS.

Problem No. 7.

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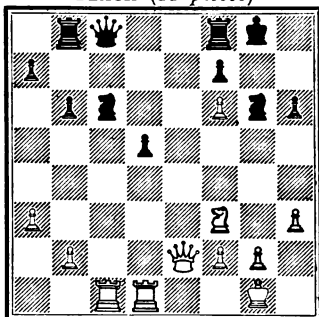
WHITE (3 pieces)

White to play.

What result and how ?

Problem No. 8.

BLACK (11 pieces)



WHITE (11 pieces)

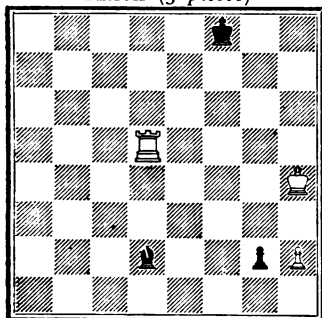
White to play.

How should he continue ?

PROBLEMS FOR SENIORS.

Problem No. 7.

BLACK (3 pieces)



WHITE (3 pieces)

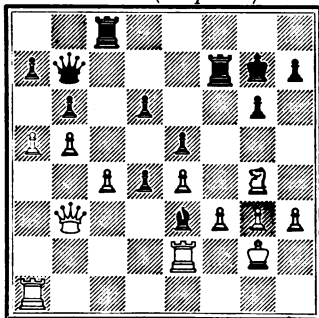
White to play.

What result and how ?

The solutions of these problems should be sent to R. C. Griffiths, 18 Wedderburn Road, London, N.W.3, by June 30th, 1925.

Problem No. 8.

BLACK (12 pieces)



WHITE (12 pieces)

White has played, last, 27 Kt (R 2)—Kt 4. How should Black continue ?

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.—"Cic" "Gambit" and "O.L.T."—You did not answer the second half of Problem No. 4. "Delta"—Your criticisms of the moves given in Problem No. 4 are at too early a

stage. The point is not what other openings the players might have adopted, but whether their moves in this particular opening were the best "Clare"—I am sorry, but I disagree with all four of your suggestions. in Problem No. 4! "Beta"—Yes, I think your variation of the Queen's Pawn game is as feasible as that given in the solution. "Squibs"—Very pleased to welcome you. Excellent attempt. I don't like your Queen's Pawn game, besides it is really a Queen's Gambit Declined, and therefore out of court. "Nemo"—Even masters are open to criticism! "Nuorb"—I cannot imagine two players arriving at position at end of Problem No. 4 by your Queen's Pawn variation. "A—A"—Przepiorka's end-game was P. W. Sergeant's baby, not mine, but you will see by solution you are still incorrect. "A.G.A."—Certainly a senior, but why only one problem! "A.G.A." and O.L.T."—By all means send solutions to both, but of course I shall only mark for Seniors. "Pussycat"—Your Queen's Pawn is a Queen's Gambit Declined." "G.A.W."—I may have lost or mislaid a second page of solutions. In the one I have there is no answer to the second part of Problem No. 4. "Pagan"—I found a solution of Senior Problems, page 112, in my file, and owe you an apology—marks 6, 6, 12. "Knowsley"—It will not be at my wish to give any more, but it is not necessary to cut the diagram out, but to give results under numbers. "R.D.D."—In (b) it is waste time to play 2.., P—B 5. "Tyro," "Synopsis," etc.—So sorry!

CORRESPONDENCE.

"PUNCH" AND CHESS.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE *B.C.M.*

DEAR SIR,—In answer to your invitation to your readers for the supply of information regarding the figures in Harry Furniss' drawing reproduced by you from *Punch*, the 'sporting individual' in the centre was Sir Robert Peel—for what reason he was put in I cannot remember—and the face you ascribe to H. E. Bird is that of E. Thorold. The man facing him with only the back of his head showing was old Horwitz, who however was more usually seen at Gatti's than at the Divan. You will find a full account of the picture in the Rev. G. MacDonnell's *The Knights and Kings of Chess*.

As a young contemporary of most of the people depicted, I should like to say that while the artist was very successful in reproducing characteristic attitudes, and in most cases as fair a portrait as could be expected in such a group, in a few instances he strikingly failed. As far as features are concerned, Duffy, Zukertort and Steinitz are poorly suggested, and Hoffer is cruelly libelled. On the other hand Gastineau, McDonnell, Abbott and Hewitt are excellent, it may be because their 'beavers' helped to fix their outlines more correctly.

There is a little discrepancy between the story told by MacDonnell to you and the one he records in his book. The meeting at the Divan was expressly arranged—as I knew at the time from both Duffy and Abbott—and the chess pieces on the ceiling made up a problem composed by Duffy for the occasion. This you will find confirmed in general terms by the book where there is no suggestion of an accidental visit, or that the pieces on the ceiling were the product of a subsequent happy thought.

Pardon me writing you at this length, but as one of the very few that can be now living who knew the Divan fifty years ago my comments may be at least acquitted of want of knowledge.

37 HOLMDALE ROAD,

HAMPSTEAD, LONDON, N.W.6.

Yours very faithfully,

H.J.M.

OBITUARY.

At Hilversum on March 26th occurred the death of H. D. B. Meyer, aged 72. He was the organiser of several tournaments in Holland, including that at Scheveningen in 1905, and had a great hand, on the Dutch side, in the conduct of the two Anglo-Dutch matches in 1910 and 1912.

Dr. Thomas Elliott, B.A., M.D., died at St. Bartholomew's Hospital on April 23rd.

Born at Colombo, Ceylon, 1850, he graduated at Trinity College, Dublin, and for five years was house surgeon at Bristol Royal Infirmary. After being in practice at Mansfield and Nottingham he came to Tunbridge Wells in 1881 and purchased the practice of Dr. Satchell (a keen chessplayer who afterwards went to New Zealand). Dr. Elliott loved a quick game of chess and was one of the most regular and enthusiastic members of the Tunbridge Wells Club, preferring to play six or eight games an hour. He introduced that game at the local Y.M.C.A., for whom he played top board. He had many activities, was treasurer of the Evangelical Union, and took a great interest in the Hop-picking Mission.

"EPISODE VII—A GAME OF CHESS."*

One day I was in a Birmingham shop when a stranger spoke to me, saying he saw with me the spirit of a military-looking man, who had a hole in his forehead. I tried not to give him a clue, but he returned to the attack saying, "Yes, it is Sir George Colley; and you, as a baby, were with your Zulu nurse near Majuba Hill when he was killed." This was perfectly true. I soon got to know this clairvoyant well and had a most interesting thought-reading test with him on one occasion.

We had been playing a game of chess, and I asked him to try to play a game without seeing the board; but unlike blindfold chess, I should not tell him the moves I made. He sat behind a curtain at a distance, completely screened from any view of the board. Fifty moves were made in this manner, when the game was interrupted by his wife. He actually played better than he usually did when looking at the board, proving to my mind that he did not play a move, but was the medium through whom the spirit played the game with me.

My friend died soon after the episode, but in 1913 I received a letter from a complete stranger, saying that at a private sitting they were asked by an unknown "Control" to send the following cryptic message to me: "K R × Kt." In chess this is interpreted by "King's Rook takes Knight," and on reference to my notes on the game I find it to be a good move on my friend's part. I hope he will continue the game. I need not say that the message was meaningless to anyone but myself."

* Extract from *Quarterly Transactions of the British College of Psychic Science*. Vol. IV, No. 1, April, 1925. Reprinted by kind permission of Mrs. J. Hewat McKenzie, hon. secretary. (From a lecture delivered by Major C. C. Colley, late R.F.A., a son of the late Archdeacon Colley, to the members of the College on January 25th, 1925.)

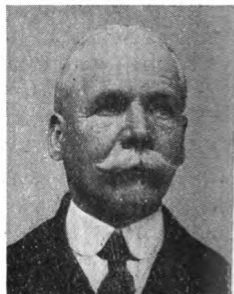
NEWS FROM THE BRITISH ISLES.

At a meeting of the Executive Committee of the British Chess Federation, it was stated that the proposed Constitution of the International Chess Federation had been drawn up by the Secretarial Bureau under the president's (Dr. Rueb) supervision, and the draft had been issued for consideration by the various National Federations. There will be a meeting of National delegates at Zurich, July 22nd to 26th to discuss and finally settle the terms of the Constitution. The B.C.F. Committee have appointed a sub-committee to examine the proposals and will meet again on Saturday, June 13th, to receive their report. Messrs. V. L. Wahltuch and S. J. Holloway have been appointed the B.C.F. delegates to attend the meeting at Zurich.



Captain P. D. BOLLAND, M.C.
Champion of Somersetshire.

Capt. P. D. Bolland, M.C., has won the Somerset County chess championship for 1925. Bath, Weston-super-Mare, Bristol and Bridgwater, between them provided nine competitors for the title, and a trophy cup was presented by the president of the County Association, Mr. Sydney Robinson.



SYDNEY ROBINSON,
formerly M.P. for Bath.
President Somerset Chess
Association and donor of
the Cup.

Chess in Worcestershire : Senior Clubs Championship.—The two outstanding games for adjudication in the Malvern *v.* Redditch match have now been received from the British Chess Federation. As both were given wins for Malvern the result of the match is a win for that club by $3\frac{1}{2}$ — $2\frac{1}{2}$. The final position of the section is :—

	P.	W.	L.	Games won	Pts.
College for the Blind	6	4	2	21½	8
Redditch	6	3	3	19½	6
Worcester City	6	3	3	18½	6
Malvern	6	2	4	12½	4

Staffordshire (Hickman) Cup : Replayed Final.—This season the contest for the County trophy has excited rather more than the usual interest, although Wolverhampton and Hanley were again the finalists.

Last year the final between these clubs resulted in a drawn match with a score of 4—4, and the trophy was held jointly. The same clubs playing in the final on 4th April again drew with a score of 4 won games each. Both teams being anxious to play to a finish a replay was arranged and took place at Stafford Institute on 25th

April, when Wolverhampton won a fine match by 5 games to 3. The individual results are as under:—

WOLVERHAMPTON.					HANLEY.				
1 H. H. Norman	..	..	..	0	T. A. Grant	..	..	..	1
2 A. J. G. Butcher	..	..	..	1	Rev. E. J. E. Howlett	..	..	..	0
3 J. Bowden	..	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	F. Lambert	..	..	..	1
4 J. H. Boulton	..	..	..	0	Rev. M. Hooppell	..	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$
5 W. Barker	..	..	..	1	L. Brindley	..	..	..	0
6 F. P. Pounce	..	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	W. P. Medd	..	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$
7 R. J. Melsome	..	..	..	1	J. A. Audley	..	..	..	0
8 A. Anderson	..	..	..	1	J. Weir	..	..	..	0
5					3				

Stafford Chess League.—This newly-formed League has just concluded a very successful season with the following results:—

		Games.					
		W.	L.	D.		Pts.	
Siemens "A"	..	33	12	5	..	35 $\frac{1}{2}$	
Stafford C.C.	..	27	21	2	..	28	
Y.M.C.A.	..	24	23	3	..	25 $\frac{1}{2}$	
Siemens "B"	..	22	23	5	..	24 $\frac{1}{2}$	
C.F.L.S.	..	21	26	3	..	22 $\frac{1}{2}$	
Oddfellows	..	14	36	—	..	14	

At the half-yearly meeting of the Norwich Chess Club, held on May 22nd, a large portrait of the oldest member of the club will be permanently hung on its walls with the following inscription: "Mr. John Keeble. Presented by his chess friends as a memento of the 48th anniversary of his joining the club. President, 1909-11; 1922-24."

Score of a match played at Tewkesbury on April 25th:—

NORTH GLOUCESTERSHIRE.					WORCESTERSHIRE.				
1 H. P. Parsbo	..	..	..	1	F. G. Jones	..	..	..	0
2 C. E. Jackman	..	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	W. C. Roberts	..	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$
3 H. A. Foxwell	..	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	A. T. Griffith	..	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$
4 A. Hutchinson	..	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	G. C. Brown	..	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$
5 W. H. Arnold	..	..	..	0	F. W. Trent	..	..	..	1
6 A. W. Martyn	..	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	Rev. F. W. H. Guttridge	..	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$
7 W. E. B. Pryer	..	..	..	1	R. McFarlane	..	..	..	0
8 R. E. B. Smith	..	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	H. E. Dutton	..	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$
9 F. G. Perrins	..	..	..	0	A. L. Homer	..	..	..	1
10 G. P. Gorton	..	..	..	1	W. C. Summers	..	..	..	0
11 R. O. Platt	..	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	Rev. J. C. Robertson	..	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$
12 A. E. Ruddock	..	..	..	1	J. C. Moulder	..	..	..	0
13 Miss Eyre	..	..	..	1	R. D. Clarke	..	..	..	0
14 G. F. Breach	..	..	..	0	D. Gibbs	..	..	..	1
15 F. S. Wittingham	..	..	..	1	G. H. Tapper	..	..	..	0
16 T. H. Bland	..	..	..	1	Rev. R. Torrens	..	..	..	0
17 Mrs. Searle	..	..	..	0	K. N. Ross	..	..	..	1
10					7				

A Correction.—On page 225 of the May issue it was stated that Gloucester beat Somerset by 11—5. This is wrong; it was Somerset who won by the score stated.

The name of Canon Edward Atkins, father of the British champion, was one of a short list of Leicester worthies on whom it is proposed to confer the honorary freedom of the city. The reverend gentleman has always taken the keenest interest in his son's splendid chess career, and himself, though getting well into the eighties, still pursues his regular activities as vicar of St. Nicholas', and master of Wyggeston Hospital.—*Birmingham Post*.

A chess club was founded at Buxton in October last ; the membership is already over thirty, and the club has all the appearance of health and vigour. The reason for this is not difficult to see, as the members have found for their president Mr. Rhodes Marriott, a famous player and organiser. In bygone days he was president of Cheshire Chess Association (1901), hon. treasurer of the Northern Counties Chess Union and first winner of the individual championship of the North of England.

Round or about 1880 he invented an opening known as the "Double Muzio," and in 1884 published *The Chessplayer's Note Book*. He was also well known as a problemist. We wish the new club every success.

Another Lady Player's Success.—Mrs. P. J. Seale has tied for the championship of the Caterham Chess Club with A. S. Walsh, a strong player. She beat him in the tournament game, but lost to one of the other entrants. It has not yet been decided if a play-off is necessary.

Hamilton-Russell Cup.—The tie between the Royal Automobile and National Liberal Chess Circles was replayed on April 30th, but again ended in a draw, 3 games all. In all probability, yet another attempt will be made to reach a definite result.

The full scores are : Royal Automobile and National Liberal, $6\frac{1}{2}$ each ; Authors, 4 ; Junior Constitutional and Savile, $3\frac{1}{2}$ each ; Reform, 2 ; Athenaeum, $1\frac{1}{2}$; Conservative, $\frac{1}{2}$.

Four-handed chess match played at the Imperial Chess Club on May 7th.—Four-handed chess is a most interesting game and is played on a board with 96 extra squares. It is very complicated and puzzling to beginners. A player may be mated, but released a move or two later (probably) by his partner ! The match recorded below is the first of its kind played for over a century. All the players were experts at the game.

FOUR-HANDED C.C.		IMPERIAL.	
Lewis Clarke and A. J. Stanley ..	1	C. D. Locock and C. W. Brown	0
G. Devine and E. St. Clair Bolton	1	J. F. Chance and M. E. H.-Hughes	0
	2		0

The Four-Handed Chess Club was founded in 1884 and plays regularly once a week at 4 Park Place, St. James Street.

London Secondary Schools Chess League.—Seventeen schools appear on the table giving the results of preliminary matches : 1, Wilson's Grammar School won 8 out of 9 ; 2, Owens, won $8\frac{1}{2}$ out of

10 ; 3. Holloway County, won $11\frac{1}{2}$ out of 14 ; 4. Westminster City, 10 out of 13. In the semi-finals Westminster City beat Wilson's 5—1, and Owens beat Holloway 4—2. In the final Owens beat Westminster City $3\frac{1}{2}$ — $2\frac{1}{2}$. These matches were played at the City of London Chess Club ; and Sir George Thomas acted as adjudicator and presented to the winners the handsome British Chess Federation shield.

The ups and downs in this competition are remarkable. Holloway County, formerly very weak, are now very strong. Last year's champions, Sir Walter St. John's, Battersea, were quite out of it. The local schools, Leyton and West Ham, are much weaker than formerly, and the latter club did not enter the competition.—F. W. Markwick in the *Stratford Express*.

North Wales Chess Association.—The annual meeting of the North Wales Chess Association was held at the Café Royal, Colwyn Bay, on Saturday afternoon, April 25th, and was attended by representatives of the Llandudno, Colwyn Bay, Rydal Mount School, and Rhos (Wrexham) Chess Clubs ; Mr. Jones, of Flint, also attended as representative of non-club members.

J. B. C. Kershaw, as president, occupied the chair. The hon. secretary, J. F. Moss, of Llandudno, then read the report of the past season's matches, and announced that the Rhos (Wrexham) club had won the valuable trophy for the third time in succession. On the proposal of H. A. Smyth, the representative of Rydal Mount School, it was decided that as a memento of this event, a replica of the trophy should be presented to the Rhos Club, and the hon. secretary was instructed to obtain estimates for the cost of the same.

A proposal made by Mr. Smyth, that in connection with the next annual meeting a Lightning tournament should be held after completion of the business, was carried ; and the hon. secretary was instructed to notify all the affiliated clubs of this proposal, and to make the necessary arrangements in due course.

A hearty vote of thanks to all the officers for their services during the past season was carried, and the following were elected to serve for the next season : President : W. R. Brookes, Llandudno. Vice-presidents : C. G. Caldecott, Wrexham ; Dr. Jones, Rhos, Wrexham ; F. Nunn, Colwyn Bay ; J. Bryn Roberts, Bangor ; H. A. Smyth, Rydal Mount School. Hon. secretary and treasurer : J. F. Moss, Min-y-don, North Parade, Llandudno.

The delegates attending the meeting then had tea together, after which they played one game of Kriegspiel and also two games of lightning chess.

The final match in this year's tournament was played at Wrexham on Wednesday, March 25th, and resulted in a win for the Rhos team by five games to three. The Rhos Club therefore retain their hold of the handsome silver rook, which forms the trophy in the annual tournament, and it will remain for a third year in their possession. The annual meeting of the Association will be held next month, either at Colwyn Bay or Llandudno. The details of the score are as follows :—

RHOS.					WREXHAM.				
1	T. E. Jones	..	..	..	1	C. G. Caldecott	..	..	0
2	S. Pritchard	..	..	..	1	H. Copleston	..	..	0
3	T. Bennett	..	..	..	1	Sir L. Rowland	..	..	0
4	Ll. Green	..	..	..	0	E. Cross	..	..	1
5	E. T. Williams	..	..	..	0	E. L. Rogers	..	..	1
6	T. Reed	..	..	..	1	Dr. Drinkwater	..	..	0
7	F. Mills	..	..	..	0	H. Nelson	..	..	1
8	J. A. Williams	..	..	..	1	R. W. Egerton	..	..	0
5					3				

Two Shields won in the North.—By beating the Industrial Co-op. Oldham, 5—2, Manchester Jewish C.C. will hold the Reyner shield for one year.

The Cheshire Challenge shield has been won by Altrincham County High School who defeated Altrincham St. Margaret's in the final.

Kitchen Correspondence Tourney.—This annual competition, open to Yorkshire players, has been won by F. W. Darby, of Harrogate, who has won six games and lost one. This is Mr. Darby's second success, the first having been in 1917. On each of these occasions he has had to fight especially hard for victory, as he began by losing the first game, and had to win all the others in order to gain the prize. He now shares with the late James Bland, of Bradford, the honour of having won the Kitchen twice, but, whereas Mr. Bland only competed twice, Mr. Darby has entered several times without success. Last year Mr. Darby scored a notable success in the correspondence tourney of the British Chess Federation, winning first prize in Section B of the First Class competition. He is captain of the Harrogate Chess Club, and was formerly a member of the Leeds Woodhouse Cup team.

The Scarborough Congress.—By the time these notes appear, this well-arranged meeting will have commenced. The entries, according to our latest advice for the Premier tournament, are: E. Spencer, J. A. J. Drewitt, W. Gibson, A. G. Conde, Victor Kahn (Paris), W. Atkinson, A. Louis, Dr. S. Gröen (Haarlem), J. H. Morrison, F. C. Short, A. H. Knight, Mrs. Holloway and S. Potemkin (Roumanian national representative at the Paris Olympic Games). An account of the congress will appear in our July issue from the pen of Mr. John Keeble.

Irish Chess Association.—The correspondence championship tourney of the Irish Chess Association has been entered by twenty-three players, who have been divided into two divisions.

B. Allen, M.A., W. J. Allen, T. Lindsay Moodie, H. O'Callaghan and J. Watson, each of Belfast; J. P. Ryan, B.E., Castlebar; J. Good, T.C., and Sean French, Cork; Rev. Chancellor S. C. Armstrong, M.A.; W. Devey, C. MacFionnlaich, J. Somers and Cu Uladh, each of Dublin; Victor Coates, Dunmurray; D. Weir, Enniskillen; R. Evans, F.B.O.A., F.I.O. and M. Dalton, Limerick; R. G. Heard, Limavady; T. E. Wethers, Lisburn; E. Gormly, Strabane; W. J.

Pilsworth, Thomastown ; and V. C. Doorley, Tullamore ; representing thirteen counties.

The keen, but friendly rivalry between the Dublin and the Sackville Chess Clubs for supremacy in the Armstrong cup competition has resulted in favour of the former, which thus becomes holder of the trophy for another year. The cup was given to the Irish Chess Association in 1888 by William Armstrong, B.L., for annual competition between the chess clubs of Dublin and district, the winning club to hold the cup for one year. The hon. secretary was appointed custodian. It was won for the eighth time in 1912 by the Sackville club. The Dublin club then entered the competition and won the cup, only to lose it again to the Sackville which again lost it to the Dublin. Then came the nine years interval during which no matches were played, and the cup was allowed to remain in possession of the Dublin club. The competition was resumed in 1921, and the Dublin won each year since then.

The score in the correspondence match played between the Scottish Chess Association and the Irish Chess Association, in which eighty players a-side, are contending, is : Scotland 37, Ireland 18.

The Rev. H. Sinclair Brooke was inducted to the living of St. Mark's, Broadwater Down, Tunbridge Wells, on May 9th. A keen chessplayer, he has taken a board for Kent as frequently as his duties have allowed.

The *Tunbridge Wells Courier* states that Mr. Sinclair Brooke comes of an Irish family. His father was, like himself, in Holy Orders, but his grandfather was the Right Hon. William Brooke, Q.C. (of Dromarana, County Cavan), Master in Chancery and Commissioner of the Great Seal in Ireland. Master Brooke was for some years chairman of the Synod of the late Irish Church. A member of the same family was the late Rev. Stopford Brooke, preacher and man of literature. Mr. Sinclair Brooke married in 1909 the elder daughter of Mr. James Wason, of Mertonhall, Newtown Stewart, N.B., and has four sons and one daughter.

Like most chessplayers he is keenly interested in music, being chairman of the Executive Committee of the East Sussex and Tunbridge Wells Musical Festival. He is also interested in travel and mountaineering, being a Fellow of the Royal Geographical Society, and a member of the Alpine Club.

His exploits on the chess board are rather overshadowed by the doings of his brother, W. M. Brooke, a former secretary of Kent County Chess Association and well-known organiser of the game.

In addition to the match between Miss Price and Miss Menchik, at the Hastings Easter festival, another event was arranged between Miss Musgrave (the next best lady in the local club) and Mrs. R. H. S. Stevenson. This resulted in a win for the latter by $3\frac{1}{2}$ to $1\frac{1}{2}$, but all the games were well contested.

NEWS FROM THE DOMINIONS AND FOREIGN LANDS.

Australia.—The leading scores in the Victorian championship when we last heard, were: Coultas 8, Fox, Merkel, and Stanes 5 each, Read $4\frac{1}{2}$.

The Goldsmith Cup (handicap) at the Melbourne C.C. has been won by J. Berman (class 4), with a score of $7\frac{1}{2}$, G. Gundersen (class 1), M. Bannan and M. Read (both class 2) coming next with $5\frac{1}{2}$ each.

Australian chess columns naturally express much satisfaction at the success of Cecil J. S. Purdy, the 17-year old Sydney schoolboy, in the New Zealand championship.

The championship of Western Australia for 1924, which was not completed until early in the present year, was won by J. Sayers, who has now won it seven times, including the last three years in succession. His score this time was $11\frac{1}{2}$, A. E. Morris scoring $10\frac{1}{2}$, N. Burnell $9\frac{1}{2}$, E. A. Coleman $8\frac{1}{2}$, E. Cleary $6\frac{1}{2}$, R. Fordham $4\frac{1}{2}$, R. C. Ryan 4, and J. McPhee 1. The tourney was a double-round one.

South Africa.—After a lapse of twenty years, R. J. Gibbs has returned to take charge of his old club at Maritzburg, which he helped to found in 1892. He has also started again his chess column in *The Natal Witness*. Together with John Bletcher, the local G.O.M. of chess, he is to represent Maritzburg in the Natal championship.

The revival in chess at Maritzburg is a welcome sign. In 1897 the club was able to hold its own with the players in the big port of Durban. We hope to see it, under the guidance of Mr. Gibbs, doing so once more.

India.—Boris Kostich, on a visit to Bombay, engaged in a tournament with eight of the leading native players, including V. Khadilkar, who appeared in the British championship at Southport. We have no later information than March 6th, when Kostich had won 7 games, and still had to meet Khadilkar.

France.—The national championship will be played for at Nice, September 2nd—11th. Nine will be invited to compete. In addition there will be an "A" tournament, of which the winner will be eligible for the championship in 1926.

A. J. Maas has won the championship of the Hyères C.C. On April 5th this club received a visit from I. Gunsberg, who played 22 games simultaneously, winning 18, drawing 1, and losing 3.

Germany.—A double-round quadrangular tournament at Wiesbaden, April 4th—10th, between M. Euwe, R. Spielmann, G. Schories and F. Sämisch, was won by the young Dutch player, who scored a win and a draw against each of his opponents— $4\frac{1}{2}$ points. Spielmann scored 3, Schories $2\frac{1}{2}$, and Sämisch 2. The tournament was played at the Kurhaus and was a distinct success.

It is proposed to have a blindfold match of twelve games at Wiesbaden, at some time in the near future, between two noted masters.

The leading scores in the recent tournament for the championship of Berlin were :—Sämisch, 12 out of 14 (one player having retired) ; Post, 10 ; Wächter, $8\frac{1}{2}$; Dührssen, Elstner and Wegemund, $7\frac{1}{2}$.

Holland.—A match of 89 players a-side was played between Amsterdam and Utrecht on April 25th, Amsterdam winning by $60\frac{1}{2}$ — $28\frac{1}{2}$. Dr. Olland and J. Davidson captained the teams.

Belgium.—The club championship of Belgium has been won by the Cercle Maccabi, Brussels being second, Antwerp third, Philidor (last year's winner) fourth, and Le Cygne last. The Maccabi players also won the minor championship.

Portugal.—Under the direction of the Gremio Literario of Lisbon, a tournament of 34 players was held between January and April, the competitors including several foreign players. The first prize was won by Dr. M. P. Machado with a clean score of 33 points, A. M. Pires being second with 30. All the 561 games of the tournament were played out !

Yugoslavia.—Our correspondent, Mr. G. Poliaxoff, writes to us that the Lasker-Vidmar match has been postponed to September, the first game being due to be played on the 20th. To get himself into trim, Dr. Vidmar is playing a match with Dr. L. Asztalos. The first game was drawn, and the second won by Vidmar.

The national congress, held every two years, will meet this time in Belgrade, early in August.

Belgrade and Zagreb played a two-round match in the former city last Easter. Zagreb won the first round, $7\frac{1}{2}$ — $2\frac{1}{2}$; but Belgrade in the second scored, 8—2, and so won the match by $10\frac{1}{2}$ — $9\frac{1}{2}$.

Hungary.—J. Hasek, with $6\frac{1}{2}$ points in 9 games, won the championship of Prague, K. Hromadka being second with 6.

Denmark.—In the tournament for the championship of Copenhagen S. Kinch and B. Stefansson tied with $5\frac{1}{2}$ points each, Kinch winning the play-off by 2—1.

Switzerland.—The 29th national congress is to be held in Zürich, beginning on July 25th.

United States.—We have two notes of Maroczy's exhibition tour through the States, one from Rochester, N.Y., where on February 27th he met 20 opponents, winning 18 games and losing 2 ; the other from Los Angeles, where on April 18th he played 28 games, of which he won 15, drew 11, and lost 2. Just before his visit to Los Angeles he had made a score of 30 wins, 7 draws and one loss at San Francisco.

In the championship of the Los Angeles Chess and Checker Club S. Mlotkowski and S. Weinbaum have tied, with scores of $12\frac{1}{2}$ out of 18.

At Laguna Beach on April 26th Los Angeles defeated San Diego by 16—2.

The match between Torre and Kupchik was left unfinished, with score 1—1 and 4 draws, owing to news arriving that the two places for American competitors at Baden-Baden had been definitely reserved for Marshall and Torre.

Philippine Islands.—From *The North China Daily News* we see that Datu Alip, a Moro, who had never previously been out of his native province of Lanao, in Mindanao, has won the championship of the Philippines, in a field of 16 players from various parts, gathered in Manila. In 34 games he won 32, drew one and lost one.

Datu Alip learnt chess from his father two years ago. It is stated that he can neither read nor write any language, and that while playing chess he sings continually—the latter a doubtful merit at chess!

There has been some discussion as to whether Alekhine, with 28 games, or Reti, with 29, holds the world's record at blindfold simultaneous chess. Each scored $23\frac{1}{2}$ points, so that Alekhine had a better percentage of wins. We think, however, that it must be the number of games played which must constitute the "record"; for, if we begin to look at other aspects of a blindfold performance, then we cannot omit such a matter as the quality of the opposition. In the cases of Alekhine and Reti it would be very difficult to estimate which met the stronger team. Certainly neither of them can have equalled, in that respect, Pillsbury's feat when on July 27th, 1901, he played blindfold at Hanover against 21 opponents, 18 drawn from the Haupt Tournament A and 3 from B. He only won 3 games and drew 11. But it was an astounding exhibition, nevertheless.

The third number of *L'Echiquier* exceeds in interest both its predecessors, the chief feature being an article by Dr. Savielly Tartakover on the theoretical advances made at the recent quintangular tournament in Paris—an article which all students of "book" will do well to read.

A new Russian chess and draughts magazine, by name "64," has made its appearance in Moscow. We wish we knew Russian, to read some of its contents beyond the actual games.

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

RAYMOND J. GIBBS (Maritzburg).—Many thanks for your complimentary remarks. For the information see "News from the Dominions."

N. T. SAUNDERS (Shanghai).—Much obliged. We have used the information elsewhere, as you will see.

S. MLOTKOWSKI (Los Angeles).—Will have a look at that end-game, for which and news, many thanks.

A. H. C. HAMILTON (Wiesbaden).—Danke schon.

THE BRITISH CORRESPONDENCE CHESS ASSOCIATION.

All communications respecting these pages should be addressed to Mr. H. E. Matthews, 37 Anson Street, Monton, Eccles, Manchester. New members will be welcomed at any time and games can always be arranged for them at short notice.

The match with the *Chess Amateur* is now in progress, about ninety boards being engaged. We regret to say, however, that some of our members do not appear to be taking the contest seriously. Notwithstanding that members were asked whether they wished to take part in the match or not, a month's strenuous labour on the part of our match captain, Mr. Wilson, has not been sufficient to complete the preliminaries. It is very disappointing to report that we have already lost a game at board 13 owing to our player exceeding the time limit, whilst comment fails us on the following example of 'freak' chess on the part of our player at board 12. 1 P—K 4, P—K 4; 2 Kt—K B 3, P—K R 4!! 3 P—Q 4, P—K B 4!! 4 B—Q B 4, P×K P; 5 Kt×K P, Q—B 3; 6 B—B 7 ch, K—Q 1; 7 B×Kt, R×B; 8 B—Kt 5, K—K 1; 9 B×Q, P×P; 10 Q×R P ch, resigns. This is neither fair to our opponents nor worthy of the traditions of the Association. We feel sure that it is an isolated instance, but at the same time we would appeal to all members to do their utmost to carry out their games to a satisfactory conclusion.

Trophies Tourney Results.—Class 1b: W. M. Bussell $\frac{1}{2}$, Dr. V. H. Rutherford $\frac{1}{2}$; W. M. Bussell $\frac{1}{2}$, J. D. Chambers $\frac{1}{2}$; K. G. Jayne $\frac{1}{2}$, Dr. V. H. Rutherford $\frac{1}{2}$; E. Parsons 1, K. G. Jayne 0; H. D. Rockett 1, Dr. V. H. Rutherford 0; H. D. Rockett 1, Major Montague Jones 0. Class 2a: A. J. Windybank $\frac{1}{2}$, N. Ditcham $\frac{1}{2}$; A. J. Windybank 1, P. Wilson 0. Class 2b: E. Toledano 1, J. W. Wood 0; F. E. Ward $\frac{1}{2}$, H. S. Shelton $\frac{1}{2}$; H. D. Terry 1, H. S. Shelton 0; W. C. Wallis 1, H. D. Terry 0; H. A. Clarke 1, H. D. Terry 0; H. A. Clarke 1, E. Toledano 0; H. E. Spenceley retired, score: cancelled. Class 3: A. Lesser 1, Sir S. G. Shead 0. Class 3b: P. Armitage 1, C. S. Pindar 0. Class 3c: C. H. Wise 1, E. Behrndt 0; J. McClusky $\frac{1}{2}$, A. R. Cooles $\frac{1}{2}$; J. McClusky 1, W. L. Wakefield (by default); A. R. Coole 1, R. Hopkins 0; A. R. Coole 1, N. Ovington 0. Class 4a: C. Folley 1, E. Fairclough 0; P. le Grip 1, C. Folley 0; P. le Grip 1, Dr. J. Holmes 0; E. Fairclough 1, W. Lambert 0; D. Hume 1, E. Fairclough 0; G. A. Wilcox $\frac{1}{2}$, E. Fairclough $\frac{1}{2}$. Class 4b: R. C. Day 1, F. Heywood 0; W. Milburn 1, W. E. Hollingdale 0; R. N. Murray 1, F. Heywood 0; S. H. Withey retired, score cancelled. Class 5a: T. Palmer 1, C. S. Burton 0 (by default); P. Rocks (junr.) 1, W. Lister 0; P. Rocks (junr.) 1, E. S. Davis 0; E. S. Davis 1, A. A. Kennedy 0; W. Lister 1, J. H. Griffith 0; W. Lister 1, F. Palmer 0; W. Lister 1, C. S. Burton 0. Class 5b: J. C. Derlien 1, A. Schofield (junr.) 0; J. C. Derlien 1, Miss L. Eveling 0; Miss J. H. White 1, A. Schofield (junr.) 0; Miss L. Eveling 1, O. Newbold 0; Miss L. Eveling 1, A. R. Cave 0.

CLASS IV (SECTION "B").

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
1 R. Day	—	I	I		$\frac{1}{2}$			$\frac{1}{2}$	
2 T. N. Fisher	0	—		0	0		0		
3 F. Heywood	0		—			0			0
4 W. E. Hollingdale		I		—	0			0	I
5 F. S. Marsden	$\frac{1}{2}$	I		I	—				I
6 R. N. Murray			I			—			
7 Miss G. M. Roper		I					—		
8 L. C. Seymour	$\frac{1}{2}$			I				—	
9 W. Milburn			I	0	0				—

CLASS II (SECTION "B").

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
1 H. A. Clarke	—		I	I		$\frac{1}{2}$		
2 T. L. Redfern		—		I			0	I
3 H. D. Terry	0		—		0		I	I
4 E. Toledano	0	0		—	0	I	I	0
5 W. C. Wallis			I	I	—			
6 F. E. Ward	$\frac{1}{2}$			0	0	—		$\frac{1}{2}$
7 J. W. Wood		I		0	0		—	I
8 H. S. Shelton		0	0	I		$\frac{1}{2}$	0	—

Knock-out Tourney Results.—*First Medal Tourney*: Section E, H. Maden beat W. Lister; Section D, A. Lesser beat J. H. Griffin; Section J, W. E. Hollingdale beat E. G. Beckingham. *Second Medal Tourney*: Section I, A. J. Windybank beat E. Fairclough; Section E, E. Toledano beat A. R. Cave; Section L, W. Snook beat K. New; Section H, W. H. Gunston beat E. S. Davis.

PRZEPIORKA'S END-GAME.

Too late for acknowledgment in our last issue, we received correct solutions of the above from R. W. Dodds (Hastings), W.H.B. (Cambridge), and J. Graves (Stamford Hill), of whom the two first-named also showed that the try 2 Kt—B 6 led to a stalemate.

Incorrect solutions were received from A. E. Fisher (Birmingham), and an anonymous reader; while, in addition, we heard from an eminent problemist that he had failed to find the right solution.

One more quotation from an incorrect solver's letter, received in April:—

I was rather surprised to hear that Lasker failed to solve, as I was able to do it in a few minutes from the diagram. . . . Two of our leading players have obtained the same solution.

We think that our readers will admit that the end game was not so simple after all!

P.W.S.

ERRATA.

On p. 216 of our last issue the names of the players in Game 5,391 were transposed. W. H. Pratten played White and C. Bruning Black. Also, as was obvious, the note at the top of the second column referred to move 20. The writer had no proof, owing to the necessity of the magazine going to press.

GAME DEPARTMENT.

GAME No. 5,402.

Played in the fifth round at Baden-Baden, April 21st. Notes specially contributed by Dr. S. G. Tartakover.

Q.P. (Dutch Defence.)

WHITE BLACK
E. D. BOGOLJUBOFF J. MIESES

1 P—Q 4 1 P—K B 4
2 P—K Kt 3

The Dutch Defence being considered, in modern theory, weak, there is no necessity for violent remedies, such as 2 P—K 4. A perfectly quiet continuation is sufficient to obtain a superior position for White.

3 B—Kt 2 2 Kt—K B 3
4 Kt—K B 3 3 P—K 3
4 P—Q 4

.....It is Black's soundest plan to restrict the White King's Bishop's range by the text-move. But the drawback of his Stonewall development is the shutting-in of his Queen's Bishop, whereas White will soon have a good square for his Queen's Bishop on K B 4.

5 Castles 5 B—Q 3
6 P—B 4 6 P—B 3
7 Kt—B 3 7 Q Kt—Q 2
8 Q—B 2

A very frequent manoeuvre in this opening. It stops P×P (because of 9 P—K 4, breaking up Black's position in the centre) and also threatens indirectly Black's King's Bishop's Pawn—e.g. 8... Castles; 9 P×P, forcing B P×P, which diminishes the strength of Black's central triangle. Black's ingenious reply, however, counters White's threats.

8 Kt—K 5
9 K—R 1 9 Q—B 3

.....White having played a purely waiting game, Black—being the impetuous German master—decides to seize the offensive.

10 B—B 4 10 B×B
11 P×B

The fact that now White holds the strategical point K 5 explains his boldness in opening the Knight's file.

11 Q—R 3
12 P—K 3 12 Q Kt—B 3

.....Not being able to develop his Queen's side directly, Black would certainly have done better not to give up all control of his K 4, but to play 12... Castles, followed by K—R 1.

13 Kt—K 5 13 Kt—Q 2
14 R—K Kt 1

White intends to profit by the open file.

14 Q Kt×Kt
15 Q P×Kt ! 15 Kt×Kt

.....Black's scheme is to get rid of all the cavalry, hoping that the advance skirmishing will no longer have many terrors for him. He is mistaken!

16 P×Kt 16 B—Q 2
17 Q R—Q 1 17 P—Q Kt 4

.....Continuing in his efforts to "petrify" the game by immobilising the Pawns.

18 Q—Kt 2

This begins a very subtle Queen manoeuvre, such as the modern player excels in, whereas in Morphy's time it was the minor pieces, Bishop and Knight, which were the weapons of combat.

18 Castles K R
19 Q—R 3 19 K R—Q 1
20 P×Kt P 20 P×P
21 Q—R 6 21 Q—R 4

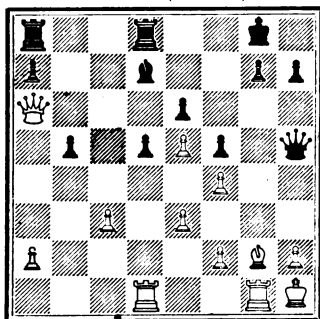
.....A very plausible move to parry the threat 22 B×P, P×B??; 23 Q×Q, and to get the Queen to

work. Perhaps Black had also in mind 22 R×P!??, P×R; 23 B×P ch, K—R 1; 24 B×R, R×B; 25 Q—Kt 7, Q—K 1 l or 25 P—K 6, P—B 1; 26 Q—B 6, R—Kt 1—and White is exhausted.

If, however, Black had foreseen the two thunderclaps which follow, he would have played 21... K—R 1, though White could then have strengthened his threats of sacrifice with 22 R—Q 2, followed by K R—Q 1.

Position after 21... Q—R 4.

BLACK (MIESES)



WHITE (BOGOLJUBOFF)

22 B×P!! 22 P×B
23 R×P ch!!

This double sacrifice exhibits the superb talent of the Russian champion. He had to calculate

not only the winning of the Queen for three pieces, but also several moves ahead of that.

23 K×R

.....If K—R 1, then 24 Q—K B 6, and the discovered check decides the game, thwarting Black's hope of perpetual check.

24 Q—B 6 ch 24 K—Kt 1
25 R—Kt 1 ch 25 Q—Kt 5
26 R×Q 6 26 P×R
27 P—B 5!

A very important stroke, whereas the plausible 27 P—K 6 would be much less decisive.

27 KR—Q B 1
28 B—B 3
29 Q—B 7 ch 29 K—R 1
30 P—B 6 30 R—K Kt 1
31 Q—B 7! 31 Q R—Q B 1
32 Q—K 5 32 P—Q 5 dis ch
33 K—Kt 1 33 B—Q 4

....The last hope (34 Q×B? P×B P; 35 Q—K 5, P—B 7; 36 P—B 7 dis ch, R—Kt 2). But White transposes the order of the moves.

34 P—B 7 dis ch 34 R—Kt 2
35 Q×B 35 Resigns

.....If P×B P 36 P—K 7

One of the most brilliant games at Baden-Baden.

GAME No. 5,402.

Played in the recent tournament at Paris (see p. 183). Notes by J. H. Blake.

Alekhine's Defence.

WHITE	BLACK
E. SNOSKO-BOROVSKY	A. ALEKHINE
1 P—K 4	1 Kt—K B 3
2 P—K 5	2 Kt—Q 4
3 P—Q B 4?	3 Kt—Kt 3
4 P—Q 4	4 P—Q 3
5 P—B 4	5 P×P
6 B P×P	6 Kt—B 3
7 B—K 3	7 B—B 4
8 Kt—K B 3	8 P—K 3
9 Kt—B 3	9 Kt—Kt 5

.....M.C.O. gives alternative lines here in 9... B—Q Kt 5 and 9... B—K Kt 5.

10 R—B 1	10 P—B 4
11 P—Q R 3	11 P×P
12 B—Kt 5	

With this move the game leaves recorded examples. 12 Kt×P was undoubtedly safer.

(See diagram)

12 P×Kt

.....A bolt from the blue indeed, but apparently sound.

13 B×Q	13 R×B
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.....It was probably better to play 13... P×P; 14 B×Kt,

P×R (Q); 15 Q×Q, Kt—B 7 ch;
16 K moves, P×B, etc.
14 Q—Kt 3 14 P×P
15 Q×P 15 Kt—R 5
16 Q—R 1

The alternative of 16 Q—K B 2 enables Black to Castle quickly; e.g., 16 Q—K B 2, B—B 4; 17 Q—Kt 3, Kt—B 7 ch; 18 R×Kt, B×R, and White cannot continue 19 Q×P without exposing himself to mate in two.

16 Kt—B 7 ch
17 R×Kt 17 B×R
18 Kt—Q 4 18 B—Kt 3
19 P—B 5! 19 Kt×P

.....Not ... B×P because of 20 B—Kt 5 ch, K moves; 21 Kt—Kt 3; nor 19... P—Q R 3 because of 20 P—B 6!

20 B—Kt 5 ch 20 Kt—Q 2
21 Q—B 3 21 P—Q R 3

.....It is advisable to get rid of the pin first of all; for if 21... B—K 2; 22 Q—B 7, P—Q R 3; 23 B—R 4, P—Q Kt 4; 24 B—Q 1, and now 25 Kt—B 6 is a strong threat.

22 B×Kt ch 22 R×B
23 Q—B 8 ch 23 R—Q 1
24 Q×Kt P!

A bold course, but Black hardly dare refuse the Knight; and after the capture the attack is in White's hands with two Black pieces still undeveloped.

24 R×Kt
25 Q—B 6 ch 25 R—Q 2
26 Castles 26 B—Q 6
.....The only alternative is 26... K—K 2.

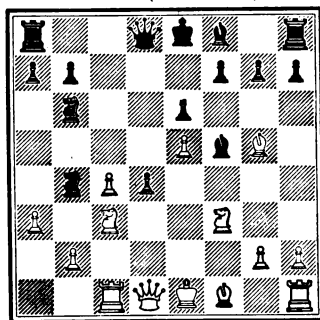
27 R×P! 27 B—B 4 ch
28 K—R 1 28 B—Kt 4
29 Q×P ch 29 R—K 2
30 R×R ch 30 B×R
31 Q—B 8 ch 31 B—Q 1
32 Q—K 6 ch 32 B—K 2

.....If 32... K—B 1; 33 P—Q R 4, B×P; 34 Q—B 5 ch, and he cannot escape the draw by K—K 2 on account of 35 Q—Kt 4, R—B 1; 36 Q—Kt 4 ch, etc.

Drawn by perpetual check

Position after 12 B—Kt 5.

BLACK (ALEKHINE)



WHITE (SNOSKO-BOROVSKI)

GAME No. 5,403.

Played at the Antwerp Chess Club. Notes by J. H. B.

Dutch Defence (in effect).

WHITE	BLACK
— SAPIRO	— FREUDBERG
1 P—K 4	1 P—Q 3
2 P—Q 4	2 P—K B 4

.....Arriving by transposition at a position of the *Dutch Defence*, 1 P—Q 4, P—K B 4; 2 P—K 4, P—Q 3. The present edition of the *Handbuch* dismisses 2... P—Q 3 with the remark that White gets an excellent game by 3 Kt—Q B 3. The previous edition (1891) gave a variation

running 3 B—Q 3, P×P; 4 B×P, Kt—K B 3; 5 B—Q 3, B—Kt 5; 6 Kt—B 3, Kt—Q 2, etc.
3 Kt—Q B 3 3 Kt—K B 3
4 B—Q 3 4 P×P
5 Kt×P 5 P—K Kt 3

.....Not satisfactory, as very soon appears. 5... Q Kt—Q 2 would be bad on account of 6 Kt—Kt 5, Kt—Kt 3; 7 Kt×P, Kt×Kt; 8 Q—R 5 ch, etc. So that there was nothing better than 5... P—K 3.

6 P—K R 4 6 B—Kt 2
7 P—R 5 7 B—B 4

.....If 7... Kt×P White was doubtless prepared to sacrifice the Exchange by 8 R×Kt, P×R; 9 Q×P ch, K—Q 2 (K—B 1, 10 Kt—Kt 5!); 10 P—Q 5, with a tremendous attack.

8 Kt—Kt 5 8 Q—Q 2
9 P—R 6 9 B—B 1
10 K Kt—B 3 10 Kt—B 3

.....This enables White to force a weakness upon Black's Queen's wing, at the same time increasing the pressure upon Black's weak square K 3; but what else can Black do? 10... P—K 3 or 10... Kt—Kt 1; 11 B×B and a White Knight cannot long be kept out of K 6; whilst 10... B—Kt 5 leaves White a choice of attacks in 11 Q—K 2 or 11 Kt×P.

11 B—Kt 5! 11 P—R 3

.....If 11... P—K 3 then 12 P—B 4!

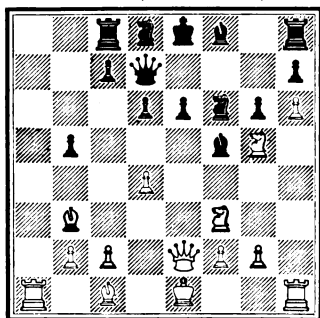
12 B—R 4 12 P—Kt 4
13 B—Kt 3 13 P—K 3
14 P—R 4 14 R—B 1

.....14... R—Q Kt 1 was better, saving a move presently.

15 P×P 15 P×P
16 Q—K 2 16 Kt—Q 1

Position after 16... Kt—Q 1.

BLACK (FREUDBERG)



WHITE (SAPIRO)

17 Kt×K P

The premature character of this becomes apparent at the

20th move, when he finds himself with no sound attacking continuation. He should next seek to exploit the precarious position of Black's Queen's Bishop, thus: 17 P—Q 5, P—K 4; 18 Kt—Q 4, R—Q Kt 1; 19 Kt×Kt P, Kt×P; 20 P—K Kt 4, B—K 3; 21 Kt×B, Kt×Kt; 22 B×Kt, etc. If 20... R×Kt; 21 B—R 4, P—B 3; 22 B×R, P×B; 23 P×B, winning the Exchange. Black could, however, complicate the position extremely by playing at 18... Kt—Kt 5.

17 B×Kt
18 Kt×P
19 P—B 3
20 Kt—Q 4

A venture which is seriously open to question.

20 P×B
21 R—Q R 3

Probably the King's Rook was the better one for this manoeuvre, as it allows ... R—B 5 to be met by 22 P—B 3.

21 B—K 2

.....For now 21... R—B 5 would be very embarrassing to White.

22 R—K 3 22 B—B 2
23 Castles 23 R—Q Kt 1

.....23... Kt—B 3, or even 23... K—B 1 with 24... B—B 3 to follow, would leave him a defensible game with a piece up.

24 R—K 1 24 R—Kt 2
25 Kt×P 25 Q×Kt

.....Here Black could have Castled advantageously; if 26 R×B, Q×Kt and White has then no good continuation; if 27 Q—Q 2 (threatening 28 Q—Q 4) then 27... R×R; 28 R×R, Kt—K 3 or Kt—B 3. The transposition of the order of capture of the Knight is fatal.

26 R×B ch 26 K—B 1
27 R×R 27 Q×R

.....Now if 27... Q×Q; 28 R×B ch and 29 R×Q.

28 Q—B 3 28 Q—Q 2
29 Q—B 6 29 R—Kt 1

30 B—B 4	30 Kt—Kt 2	33 R—R 8	33 K—Q 2
31 R—R 1		34 R×Q ch	34 Kt×R
This prolongs the game need- lessly; 31 B—Kt 5, followed by 32 R—K 7 is final.			
	31 Q—Q 1	35 Q—K 7 ch	35 K—B 3
	32 K—K 1	36 Q—B 7 ch	36 K—Kt 4
32 B×P ch		37 Q—B 5 ch	37 K—R 3
		38 B—B 7	Resigns .

 GAME No. 5,404.

Played in the B.C.F. Counties correspondence match, 1925.
Notes by J.H.B.

Queen's Gambit Declined.

WHITE	BLACK
H. V. BUTTFIELD (Middlesex)	D. JOSEPH (Lancashire)
1 P—Q 4	1 P—Q 4
2 P—Q B 4	2 P—K 3
3 Kt—Q B 3	3 P—Q B 3
4 P—K 4	

An inferior line; *M.C.O.* and the *Handbuch* give 4 Kt—B 3 as best.

5 Kt×P	4 P×K P
	5 Kt—Q 2

.....For Black could now play 5... B—Kt 5 ch; if 6 Kt—Q B 3, P—Q B 4! and Black gets rid of the cramp set up by his third move. If 6 B—Q 2, Q×P, and White does not get sufficient compensation in attack for the Pawn.

6 Kt—K B 3	6 K Kt—B 3
7 B—Q 3	7 Kt×Kt
8 B×Kt	8 Kt—B 3
9 B—B 2	9 P—K Kt 3

.....Aimed at White's Queen's Pawn; but it is questionable whether that could not have been better attacked by abstaining

from 8... Kt—B 3, playing instead 8... B—K 2, with 9... B—B 3 to follow. The formation obtained by the line adopted is not suited to the defence of the Queen's Gambit Declined, which requires the King's Bishop in the centre.

10 Castles	10 B—Kt 2
11 B—Kt 5	11 P—K R 3
12 B—R 4	12 Q—Kt 3
13 R—Kt 1	13 Kt—R 4

.....Now Black is without a good move in face of the threat of 14 Kt—K 5; but ... Kt—Q 2 is the least objectionable.

14 R—K 1	14 P—Kt 4?
15 Kt—K 5	15 B×Kt
16 R×B	16 Kt—Kt 2
17 B—K Kt 3	17 B—Q 2

Castling immediately is his only chance.

18 R—K 3	18 Castles K R
19 B—Q 6	19 K R—K 1
20 R—K R 3	20 Kt—B 4
21 B—K 5	Resigns

.....For there is no parry to White's threat of 22 Q—R 5.

 GAME No 5,405.

Played at Bromley in the Final, Section B.

Queen's Gambit Declined.

WHITE	BLACK		
W. WINTER	J. A. J. DREWITT	6 P—K Kt 3	Kt—B 3
1 P—Q 4	P—Q 4	7 B—Kt 2	B—K 2
2 Kt—K B 3	P—Q B 4	8 Castles	Castles
3 P—B 4	P—K 3	9 P×P	B×P
4 B P×P	K P×P	10 B—Kt 5	P—Q 5
5 Kt—B 3	Kt—Q B 3	11 Kt—K 4	B—K 2
		12 B×Kt	B×B
		13 Q—Kt 3	R—K 1

14 Kt×B ch	Q×Kt	33 P—K R 4	K—R 3
15 K R—K 1	B—Kt 5	34 K—B 1	P—Q 6
16 Q R—Q 1	Q R—Q 1	35 P×P	R×P
17 R—Q 2	R—K 2	36 K—K 2	R—R 6
18 P—K R 3	B—K 3	37 K—Q 2	P—Kt 4
19 Q—R 4	B—B 4	38 P×P ch	K×P
20 K R—Q 1	K R—Q 2	39 K—B 1	P—B 4
21 Kt—R 4	B—Kt 3	40 K—Kt 2	R—R 1
22 Kt×B	R P×Kt	41 R—B 4	P—Kt 3
23 P—Q Kt 4	P—R 3	42 P—R 4	R—K 1
24 B×Kt	Q×B	43 K—Kt 3	R—K 8
25 Q×Q	P×Q	44 P—R 5	R—Kt 8 ch
26 R—Q B 1	P—Q R 4	45 K—R 3	K—R 4
.....Black must have hoped			
to win both White's Q R Pawns,			
as a result of this sacrifice. But,			
as it turned out, he cannot, and the			
backward one decides the game.			
27 P×P	R—Q 3	51 K—Kt 3	K—Kt 4
28 R (Q 2)—B 2	R—R 1	52 K—B 3	K—R 4
29 R×P	R×R	53 K—Q 3	Resigns
30 R×R	R×P	Well played by Winter, but	
31 R—B 8 ch	K—R 2	hardly up to Drewitt's normal form.	
32 R—B 2	R—R 6		

GAME NO. 5,406.

Played in the match, Hyères v. Nice (see p. 224).

Ruy Lopez.

WHITE	BLACK	WHITE	BLACK
A. J. MAAS	V. KAHN	A. J. MAAS	V. KAHN
1 P—K 4	P—K 4	24 P—K B 4	P—Q 5
2 Kt—K B 3	Kt—Q B 3	25 P×Q P	P×Q P
3 B—Kt 5	P—Q R 3	26 B—K B 2	Q—Kt 3
4 B—R 4	Kt—B 3	27 B—B 3	Q R—Q 1
5 P—Q 3	P—Q 3	28 Kt—B 2	B—K B 4
6 P—B 3	B—K 2	29 Q R—Q 1	B—B 3
7 Castles	Castles	30 K R—K 1	K Kt—K 2
8 B—K Kt 5 ?	Kt—K 1	31 Q—K 2	Q—B 2
9 B—K 3	P—B 4	32 P—K Kt 4	B—B 1
10 B—Kt 3 ch	K—R 1	33 R—R 1	K R—K 1
11 P×P	B×P	34 B—K 4	Kt—Q 4
12 Kt—K 1	Kt—B 3	35 Q—B 3	K Kt—Kt 5
13 Kt—Q 2	Q—K 1	36 Kt×Kt	Kt×Kt
14 Q Kt—B 3	Q—R 4	37 P—Kt 5	B—K 2
15 Q—Q 2	P—Q 4	38 Kt—R 4	Kt—B 7
16 B—Q 1	Q—B 2	39 B—Kt 6	Kt×K R
17 Kt—Kt 5	Q—Kt 3	40 R×Kt	Q—B 1
18 K Kt—B 3	Q—K 1	41 B×R	Q×B
19 Kt—R 4	B—Q 2	42 R×B	Q—R 5
20 P—K Kt 3	P—K R 3	43 P×P	P×P
21 Q Kt—B 3	Kt—K Kt 1	44 Kt—Kt 6 ch	K—Kt 1
22 Kt—Kt 2	B—K Kt 5	45 Kt—K 5	Resigns
23 Q Kt—K 1	B—K R 6		

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

C. B. HEATH (Dundee).—In Game No. 5,398 (May) you are quite right as to the proposed 26 R—Q B 1; the reply .., P×P; 27 R×R, P—Kt 7 would win for Black.

PROBLEM WORLD.

By B. G. LAWS AND G. W. CHANDLER.

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BRITISH CHESS PROBLEM SOCIETY.

"FAIRY CHESS."

IMPRESSIONS OF A LECTURE GIVEN BY MR. T. R. DAWSON.

I have played and happily still play respectable chess, in fact I once vanquished an adept with a sky-high reputation. True he withdrew some avoidrupois from his weighty forces, each unit of which in common with mine was "loaded," not however in the sense of the loaded dice of the trickster. This arrangement was made, not on the presumption of weakness on my part, but as my laureled opponent reasoned, to balance our temperaments. Magnanimity! This may explain how on occasions which called me to St. Bride's Institute, close to Ludgate Circus, I found myself magnetised by Room No. 18, where I invariably encountered a host engaged in silent chess combat. Unnoticed I mingled with the onlookers with the complacent satisfaction that I must have been regarded as either a chess prize-fighter or the special correspondent of some World's Trumpet.

It so happened last Tuesday (to wit 7th April) I felt impelled to satisfy my curiosity by another visit to this chamber of intellectual strife. To my surprise when unobserved I passed the door a few inches, it being ajar, instead of witnessing an array of antagonistic pairs, I saw, loafing more or less as a prompter at the wings of a stage, a group of men of mixed ages, some of whom would pass for sages, intensely clinched by a beaming young lecturer with a relishing Yorkshire accent, demonstrating before two mammoth chess boards rampant, upon which were mysteriously poised disc-like or jig-saw pieces, manipulated by the hon. secretary (of what I afterwards learnt was the British Chess Problem Society) with remarkable agility and accuracy. It was some minutes before I could grasp the object of the entertainment, for such it obviously was, otherwise the audience would not have signified their approval or appreciation by those frequent gusts of risible applause. Chess is such a sober game too! I listened to the fluent flow from the speaker and as best I could from my eavesdropping coign followed the discourse.

Chess problems suggesting witchcraft were being exemplified and it was shown how rational forms of tactics and strategy could be made more startling and even more beautiful by licensing certain deflections of austere conventions. For instance the audacious propositions of Sam Loyd, who had befooled the world with his impossible "14—15" puzzle and mystified it by scores of samples of wizardry, were displayed to show that they would have been more effectively illustrated had they been modelled in accordance with the elastic maxims of "Fairy Chess," which seems to be a peculiar cult tolerating any convenient changes, amusing or scientific, to suit the whim of despoilers of chess ritual.

Chess problems I thought were catalogued in the class of cultured arts, yet the lecturer invoked the science of geometry to make his contentions of correlation clear, and even had the temerity to quote Euclid's forty-seventh proposition, breaking the cherished tradition that problems are the poetry of chess. He may have been right, because there is a small rhythm to be found in angles and precious little music in the "triangle"!

I was "led up the garden" to find many unrestrained liberties were taken by these good people who trespassed beyond the abounding expanse staked out by the compact Laws of Chess. Not contented with honest devices for outwitting an adversary, examples were given where the oppressed could move only on specified occasions, where the forces of the defence conspired to betray

the monarchy, where if either side was able to mate on the spot, that mate must be given *volens volens* and the bewildering backward trek to prove something or other to whitewash the possibly arraigned—this sport is I understand termed “Retrograde Analysis.” After this came wonders of unharnessed imagination. For instance, pieces in a few of the settings shown were somewhat like twilight ghosts. The player taking White could profess to be colour-blind and at option claim the spectral figure as his own or disown it in favour (or rather otherwise) of the other side, who in turn would exercise the same privilege. In another set the defence was constrained to make the longest available move according to lineal measurement, which resulted in some comical effects. Illustrations of taking back moves and substituting others seemed quite in order, some of the devices being staccatoed with ingenuity, differing considerably from the “post mortems” so often solemnly held over finished games.

The next and final chapter of this intriguing séance thrilled me. I had seen sufficient to be convinced that the limit of sane imagination had been reached, but was not prepared for worse hallucinations. It seemed we were in for a disquisition on the juvenile game of “Snakes and Ladders” when foreign elements were introduced, such as pieces which may have escaped from the ‘zoo.’ One of these was an inverted Queen, not dignified, to represent the “Grass-hopper,” which, though having a line-direction similar to the Queen, had effective influence only on the immediate square beyond one occupied. With this modern invention of warfare one could be in check or worse still mated before saying “Jack Robinson.” The last extravaganza was a Dick Turpin piece (probably on his ride to the lecturer’s home county) called “Night-rider.” This reckless horseman is a steeplechase marvel, moving as a Knight in multiples of leaps with the result that innocence at a distance means mischief close at hand. I only wonder what would happen to one’s sanity if some of these innovations were combined! Of course these obliquities were not serious, but designed to prove the enormous possibilities of the chess board and its men, and no one could fail to be impressed and enlightened by the varied display it was my fortune to follow.

The proceeding were concluded by a few complimentary remarks from the president, to which I should like to have subscribed. As I wanted information, I quietly vanished from the scene and having secured it, struck homewards with the determination that if possible I would obtain a legitimate right to enjoy the future events of this Society with its praiseworthy objects and attractions.

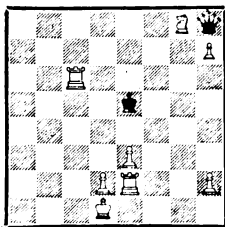
P. HIBBER.

9th April, 1925.

We have been able to secure from Mr. Dawson the following “Fairies,” the third being one which he used at his lecture.

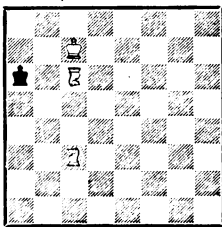
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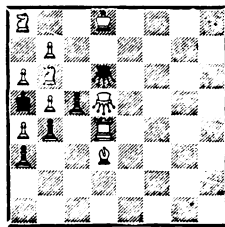
Reflex Mate in two

II



Mate in five

III



Mate in two

I. Black must mate when he can do so, which applies also to White.

II. The inverted Knight is a “Night-rider,” which is a long-range piece moving in straight lines (analogous to Queen, Rook and Bishop), but the straight lines run across the board in the directions indicated by the Knight moves. Thus the Night-rider at c6 may at present move on the line a7—c6—e5—g4 or the line a5—c6—e7—g8 or b8—c6—d4—e2, or d8—c6—b4—a2.

III. The two inverted Queens are "Grasshoppers" which move in the same direction as Queens but can only be played to the immediate square beyond an occupied square. In this problem the White Grasshopper's only move is G to Q 7 and the Black Grasshopper can only play G×R or ×P at R 6.

The British Chess Federation have accepted the Society's offer to conduct the Solving Tourney at the Stratford Congress on Monday, August 24th, at 3 p.m. The details are not finally settled, but we may say that the problems will be contributed mainly by members of the Society, and that more problems will be given than on previous occasions. At the same time less analysis will be required. Members who have problems suitable for a solving tourney are requested to send them to the hon. sec., Mr. G. W. Chandler, "Leylands," Mulgrave Road, Sutton, Surrey, as soon as possible.

B.C.P.S. SOLVING TOURNEY.

No. 9, by G. W. Chandler.—1 P—B 4, threatening 2 B—Kt 8 ch. If 1... Q×Kt; 2 R×Kt. If 1... R—B 4; 2 Kt—K 4. If 1... Kt—K 2; 2 R×R ch, (18 points). The defences 1... Kt×P and 1... R—R 4 do not prevent the threatened second move, but they cause the model mates with half-pin, which is the theme of the problem. Published in the *Norsk Schakblad*, 1919.

No. 10, by A. Oberhäusli.—1 Kt—B 7. If 1... B—B 2; 2 Q—Q R 5. If 1... B—B 4; 2 Q—Kt 2. If 1... Kt—B 4; 2 Q—Kt 6. If 1... P—B 7; 2 Q—Kt 4. If 1... B—Kt 3; 2 Q—Q B 5. There are actually four threats (Q—Q R 5, Q Kt 5, Q B 5 and K Kt 4) but the second of these is never forced. The second moves are certainly elusive, and make the problem difficult to solve. It appeared in the *Deutsche Schachzeitung*, 1880. (20 points).

No. 11, by J. Dobrusky.—The author's intention is 1 Kt—Kt 7, but the problem is also solved by 1 Kt—B 7. The Rev. E. W. Poynton and Mr. F. R. Adcock both suggest the addition of a B P on R 2. This fine problem has been considered sound since its publication in *Svetozor*, 1883. (30 points).

No. 12, by P. Keirans (Riga).—The author's solution is as follows:—1 K—Q 3, threatening 2 R—B 5 ch. If 1... Kt—B 8 ch; 2 K—B 2, B—Q 7; 3 Kt×B. If 2... Kt—K 3; 3 R×P ch. If 1... others; 3 R—B 5 ch. If 1... Kt—Kt 5 ch. 2 K—K 2 with continuations as before. If 1... P—Kt 5 ch; 2 Kt—Q 2, etc. If 1... B—Q 7; 2 K×B, etc. The full points would have been 26, and this has been awarded to those who claimed no solution, since the author's solution fails after 3 Kt×B, when 3... Kt—B 4 is a valid defence.

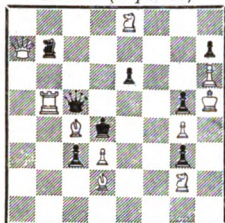
Time must be allowed for solutions from abroad, so the final scores will be held over till next month.

Schachmatny Listok. First International Tourney for Three-Movers and End-games.—Each composer may contribute not more than five original three-movers and five end-games; joint compositions are admitted. Motto, etc., as usual. Closing date, 15th July, 1925. Prizes: 20, 15 and 10 Rbls. in gold for three-movers; 25, 15, 10 and 5 Rbls. in gold for end-games. Judges: K. A. L. Kubbel, three-movers; K. A. L. Kubbel and G. Löwenfisch, end-games. Entries must be sent to Mr. S. Wainstein, Leningrad, Russia, Shukovskaja Street 5, rg. 16, who will forward copies of same to judges. The award will be published in the *Schachmatny Listok* not later than three months after the closing date. The decision of the judges shall become valid after two months' probation.

"WESTERN MORNING NEWS AND MERCURY" HALF-YEARLY INFORMAL COMPETITION.

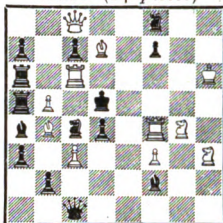
This popular event to the end of last year has concluded in Mr. H. D'O. Bernard's award which is shown below. Mr. Bernard has always given acceptable awards, always conscientiously painstaking.

First Prize.
By A. P. POWELL
(London).
BLACK (8 pieces)



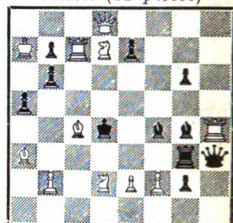
WHITE (10 pieces)
Mate in two.

Second Prize.
By J. BUNTING
(Chesterfield).
BLACK (14 pieces)



WHITE (11 pieces)
Mate in two.

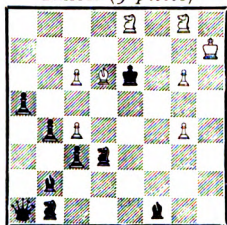
First Hon. Mention.
By J. J. RIETVELD
(Kesteven).
BLACK (11 pieces)



WHITE (11 pieces)
Mate in two.

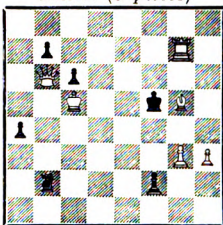
Second hon. mention : Rev. N. Bonavia-Hunt.

First Prize.
By B. J. de C. ANDRADE.
(London).
BLACK (9 pieces)



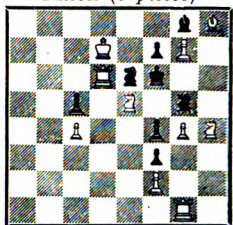
WHITE (8 pieces)
Mate in three.

Second Prize.
By F. F. L. ALEXANDER.
(London).
BLACK (6 pieces)



WHITE (6 pieces)
Mate in three.

Hon. Mention.
By J. H. BARROW
(Manchester).
BLACK (8 pieces)



WHITE (10 pieces)
Mate in three.

SOLVERS' SCORE "LADDER" COMPETITION.

Problems (April) 2,511 to 2,514 inclusive.

Dr. Tennant Bruce (590) 5-5-10-20 (630); L. W. Cafferata (90) 5-5-10-20 (130); †A. T. Cannell (250) 5-5-10-20 (290); J. Chadwick (Sydney) (100); *R. W. Clark (Canada) (115) 5-5-10-20 (155); *W. H. Cutland (345+40 Feb. overlooked=385) 5-5-10-20 (425); J. W. Davies (90) March 5-5-10-0 (110); **F. J. Dennis (585) 5-5-10-20 (625); *J. C. Derlien (0) 5-5-10-20 (40); Rev. A. S. Dean (290) 5-5-10-0 (310); J. Erpinosaf (Barcelona) 5-5-10-20 (40); *C. Folley (420) 5-5-10-20 (460); **Albert Haddy (325) 5-5-10-20 (365); **W. F. Herbert (545) 5-5-10-20 (585); Rev. F. O'D. Hoare (450) 5-5-10-0 (470); A. Galbraith (80) 5-5-10-0 (100); †G. Stillingfleet Johnson (590) 5-5-10-20 (630); N. V. Joshi (Pusa,

India) (445) 5-5-10-20 (85); †Frederick Lee (40) 5-5-10-20 (80); J. A. Lewis (350) 5-5-10-20 (390); Hubert Lees (Auckland) (445) +40 February (485); T. W. R. Leistikow (255); **Rev. N. Munro (475); D. Murray (375) 5-5-10-20 (415); *Johannes Nielson (155) 5-5-10-20 (195); †A. Peacock (605) 5-5-10-20 (645); E. W. Punnet (160) 5-5-10-20 (200); T. Rosenfield (305) 5-5-10-0 (325); Rev. J. Schipper (105) 5-5-10-0 (125); F. W. Syberg (105) 5-5-10-0 (125); O. L. Telling (Monte Carlo) (110); "Tiro" (Ribe, Denmark) (380) 5-5-10-20 (420); A. C. Vaughan (205) 5-5-10-20 (245); *Rev. E. Wells (100) 5-5-10-20 (140); M. E. Wills (Gibraltar) (55); W. A. Way (Malay States) (335 +40 March=375); H. A. Warwell (2508=5) 5-5-0-0 (15).

We have added 60 points to J. W. Davis' score above as we missed bringing them forward when he resumed solving after a lapse.

A. Peacock's score of 645 entitles him to join the other three solvers who have each three successes to their credit.

SOLUTIONS.

No. 2,511, by A. Ellerman.—1 Kt—Q 4. A heavyweight with one or two striking variations. The play is complex but hardly of so high a standard as most of the author's work.

No. 2,512, by C. H. D. Clark.—1 Q—K Kt 7. The interferences on Q 4, combined with the cross-check, make this an attractive problem. A very good thematic key.

No. 2,513, by B. G. Laws.—1 R—Kt 3, threatening 2 Q—Q 7 ch. If 1... P×R; 2 Q×Kt P. If 1... R—R 2; 2 Q—Q 5 ch! If 1... P—B 6; 2 Q—K 1. If 1... K—B 4; 2 Q×K P ch. A good key, two quiet lines, and a Q sacrifice. The companion model mates with the Knight are familiar but nicely introduced.

No. 2,514, by K. A. L. Kubbel.—1 P—B 4; threatening 2 Kt×P ch, K—B 4; 3 P—Kt 4 ch. If 1... R—Q R 8; 2 P—Kt 4, B—Kt 1; 3 R—B 5! If 1... B—Q 1; 2 R×P ch, etc. If 1... B—Kt 1; 2 R×R, etc. If 1... K—B 4; 2 P—Kt 4 ch. The shutting in of the Black Rook to cause a complete block is a beautiful strategem, and the idea is well hidden. The key shields the White King from check at the later stage, but the main play is quiet throughout, and the leading mates are models. An excellent four-mover.

By G. F. Anderson (p. 250).—1 Q—R 1, P—K 5 ch; 2 K—B 2. If 1... B—R 7; 2 K—Q 2. If 1... P—B 6 or ×P; 2 P—K 4. If 1... P—Kt 5; 2 K—B 4. If 1... B else; 2 R×B ch. If 1... Kt moves; 2 Q—R 8 ch. A very piquant piece of work. The play of the King is a special feature blended with the unexpected advance of the King's Pawn.

By M. Niemijer (p. 250).—1 R—Q 6, B—B 5; 2 Q×Q Kt. If 1... P×B P; 2 Q×P ch. If 1... B×K P; 2 Q×R ch. If 1... B×B P; 2 Q—Q B 4 ch. If 1... others; 2 Q—Q 5 ch. A strategic five-fold sacrifice of the Queen. The carrying out of such a scheme must test the patience of a composer.

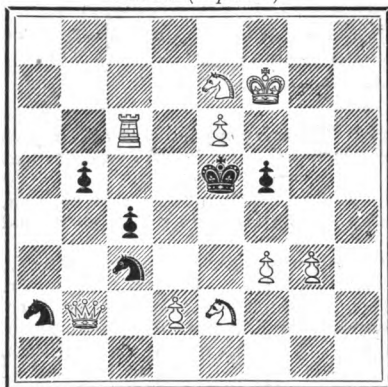
By G. Gillam (p. 250).—1 Q—B 4, Q—B 4; 2 Q—K 3. If 1... Q—Q B 3; 2 Kt—K 5 ch. If 1... B—B 3 or R—R 8; 2 Q×B. If 1... Q—Q 3, K B 3 or Q×Kt; 2 R×P ch. If 1... Q—Q 4; 2 B×Q ch. If 1... others; 2 Kt—K 3 ch. A pretentious piece of work and quite difficult to solve. In most of the continuations there is good strategy shown, and considering the variety one cannot expect freedom from duals nor dainty construction. It does the Sussex composer much credit.

By B. J. de C. Andrade (p. 250).—1 Kt—B 4, Q—Kt 8; 2 Kt—K 6; Q—R 8; 3 K—Kt 2. If 1... Q—B 4 ch; 2 P×Q, short mate. This four-mover is remarkable in that it is a mutate with a pure waiting feature in the penultimate position. For instance were Black to move at once everything is in order for White to give the prescribed mate in four. Black's best move is 1... B—B 2; 2 P×B, followed if say Q—Kt 8 by 3 R×P ch. The focal effect is interestingly staged.

By W. J. Wood (p. 250).—1 B×BP, P—Kt 6; 2 R—Q 2, P—Kt 3; 3 B—R 7, P×Kt; 4 K—Kt 6, K—K 5; 5 B—R 6, K—B 6; 6 K—Kt 5. If 1... P×P; 2 P×P, P—Kt 3; 3 B—B 1, P×Kt; 4 R—Q 2, K—K 6; 5 B—Kt 1, K—B 6; 6 R—Q B 2. If 1... P—Kt 3; 2 Kt—B 6. One of Mr. Wood's masterpieces dealing with most difficult strategical combinations. The conception of bringing about the Indian theme (doubled) from the Bishops playing to the K R file in the one case and to the royal rank in the other is not only original but in the presentment shows extraordinary skill in constructive manipulation.

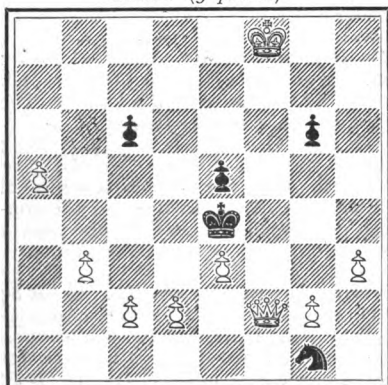
ORIGINAL PROBLEMS

No. 2,519.
By Dr. F. B. FEAST
(Birmingham).
BLACK (6 pieces)



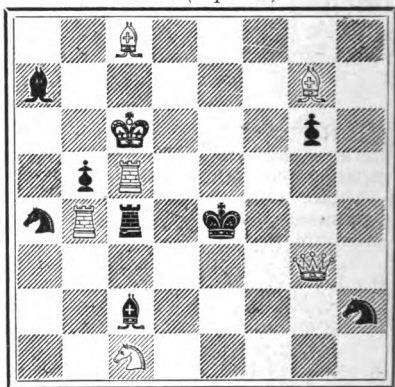
WHITE (9 pieces)
White mates in two moves.

No. 2,521.
By J. CAUVERN
(Doetinchem).
BLACK (5 pieces)



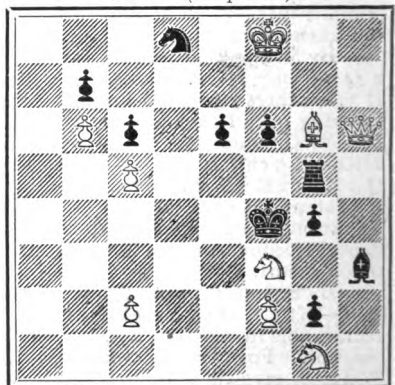
WHITE (9 pieces)
White mates in three moves.

No. 2,520.
By R. W. CLARKE
(Speers, Saskatchewan).
BLACK (8 pieces)



WHITE (7 pieces)
White mates in two moves.

No. 2,522.
By E. BOSWELL
(Lancaster).
BLACK (10 pieces)



WHITE (9 pieces)
White mates in three moves.

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The letter of H. J. M. which appears on page 264 of the June issue is very interesting.

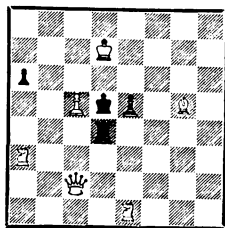
I was unaware the incident I related in May in these pages was mentioned in *The Knights and Kings of Chess*, a book I have never seen. I however retailed the story as Mr. McDonnell, with much gusto, gave it at the City of London Chess Club soon after the appearance of Mr. Furniss' picture. I have a vague impression that Mr. P. T. Duffy was present at the time. Certainly Mr. McDonnell made a great point of the fantastic position drawn to represent the ceiling, which he deemed a great joke. Looking at the position

again after reading H. J. M.'s letter, there seems to be something in what he says as to a Duffy problem, but, as the artist drew a White King instead of a Queen, with no corresponding black counterpart, and the two tall pieces (clearly figured as Queens) are seemingly intended for Kings, one cannot be surprised at the conclusion come to as to irregularity. The position with the royal pieces corrected has given me an identification clue to the annexed three-mover by Mr. P. T. Duffy. Comparing it with the ceiling version it will be found the latter is short of a White Knight (K 1) and the Black King's Pawn is on the wrong square.

I was a frequent visitor to Simpson's Divan in those days and am able to identify nearly all the characters. I agree Hoffer's portrait is decidedly bad, Zukertort's, too flattering; Duffy's, fairly recognizable and Steinitz's, only passable. The bent figure I took to be Horwitz—he and I were quite chums for some years, but I disagree with our correspondent that the player facing him is Thorold; I am sure, however, it was not intended for Bird. The man on Horwitz's left might be Thorold, in fact I feel pretty certain it was after consulting the *Chess Monthly* for 1893 where his portrait is given—I never met, to my recollection, this distinguished player. Now we learn that the central figure was Sir Robert Peel, there are but three doubtful cases, namely the player facing Horwitz—I wonder if anyone could bear me out in the suggestion that Cubison was meant—and the two caricatures behind, who probably were imaginary enthusiasts added to make up a good crowd.

By P. T. DUFFY.

BLACK (4 pieces)



WHITE (6 pieces)

Mate in three.

B.G.L.

G I

THE SCARBOROUGH CHESS CONGRESS.

BY JOHN KEEBLE.

Scarborough Chess Festival week—a new feature which the local club hopes will become an annual event—opened at the Pavilion Hotel, Scarborough, on Saturday, May 30th and was continued all the following week. It was held under the auspices of the Scarborough Chess Club, and much credit for the success scored is due to G. M. Reid, the honorary conductor.

The Scarborough Corporation supported the chess club in the organisation of the Congress, and very comfortable quarters were found for it at the Pavilion Hotel. A civic welcome was given by the Mayor (Alderman W. Boyes) who was accompanied by the Mayoress (Miss Ada Boyes) and the Town Clerk and several members of the Town Council. The Mayor said he was delighted to hear that steps were being taken to inaugurate a yearly congress for chess players at Scarborough, and he could assure them that they could not possibly come into a town and receive a heartier welcome than in the grand old town of Scarborough. If the Chess Festival was established as an annual event he would say that they—as a Corporation—would give every possible assistance they could to the local officials in the organising of the matter. Alluding to the game the Mayor said, seeing the distance some of the competitors had come, it must be a very fascinating game and a great training for the mind.

The Congress, which was conducted somewhat on the lines of the Paris Olympic, attracted an entry of 56 players, a smaller entry than Bromley or Hastings secured for their meetings at Easter and Christmas, but Kent and Hastings are well established events and, moreover, they have a much stronger base on which to found a chess congress. Hastings, for instance, had 29 of their own club members playing in the Xmas event. Scarborough had only 4 and these were making their first appearance in Congress chess. It is surprising that the Scarborough meeting was such a great success, but this success was solely due to the stupendous efforts of the secretary of the local club, Mr. G. M. Reid. Entries were divided into a Premier tourney with two sections of 6 players each, a Major with two sections of 8 and one section of 4, and a Minor tourney of three sections of 8 each. Section A of the Premier included such well-known players as A. G. Conde, of Mexico, A. Louis (London), J. H. Morrison (London), F. C. Short (Walsall), E. Spencer (Liverpool) and Max Romih (Italy). Section B: W. Atkinson (Hull), C. Y. C. Dawbarn (Liverpool), W. Gibson (Glasgow), P. Wenman (Northallerton), S. Groen (Holland) and V. Kahn (Russia). Section A was won by Max Romih, the Italian expert, who is not known so well as he should be in the chess world. Romih is now a player of great strength and an expert in simultaneous and blindfold play. It is reported that on one occasion he played as many as 9 games *sans voir*. He first became known as the winner of a strong tournament of 14 players at Trieste in 1921. He was first in his section at last year's Paris Olympic (where he now resides),

but was eliminated in the finals. At Scarborough he played fine chess. A. G. Conde, who was second with $3\frac{1}{2}$, has been for some time in England. He took part in the Hastings Victory tourney of 1919, and used to play top board for Middlesex when resident in London. E. Spencer (the Lancashire champion) tied for third place with A. Louis of London. In section B, we have the greatest cause for satisfaction, for P. Wenman of Northallerton won first place without losing a game. He defeated the representative from Holland, and drew with Kahn. Mr. Wenman was rightly described as "of Northallerton," but he learnt a lot of his chess at Edinburgh, where he lived ten years and won the Scottish Chess Championship in 1921. Lately he has been associated with the Leeds Chess Club. V. Kahn, who was placed high in the Portsmouth Congress two years ago, took second place in section B with $3\frac{1}{2}$. Dr. Silvain Groen, one of the strongest of Dutch players was third with 3. Gibson scored 2 points, Dawbarn $1\frac{1}{2}$ and Atkinson 1.

The tables of the preliminary sections follow:—

SECTION "A."

SECTION "B."

	1	2	3	4	5	6	T'l.		1	2	3	4	5	6	T'l.
1 A. G. Conde (Mexico)	—	1	1	1	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	$3\frac{1}{2}$	1 W. Atkinson (Hull)	—	0	1	0	0	0	1
2 A. Louis (London)	0	—	1	1	1	0	3	2 C. Y. C. Dawbarn (Liverpool)	1	—	0	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	$1\frac{1}{2}$
3 J. H. Morrison (London)	0	0	—	0	0	0	0	3 W. Gibson (Glasgow)	0	1	—	0	0	1	2
4 F. C. Short (Walsall)	0	0	1	—	0	0	1	4 S. Groen (Holland)	1	1	1	—	0	0	3
5 E. Spencer (Liverpool)	1	0	1	1	—	0	3	5 P. Wenman (Northallerton) ..	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	1	—	$\frac{1}{2}$	4
6 Max Romih (Italy)	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	1	1	1	—	$4\frac{1}{2}$	6 V. Kahn (Russia)	1	1	0	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	—	$3\frac{1}{2}$

The sectional winners played off for the prizes. Romih beat Wenman in a strenuous game extending to 70 moves, Wenman going wrong in the final part of it. Conde beat Kahn in 60 moves. The four principal prizes therefore were distributed as follows:—First, Max Romih £12 10s. od.; Second, P. Wenman £7 10s. od.; Third, A. G. Conde £5 0s. od. and Fourth, V. Kahn £2 10s. od.

The Major tourney was an interesting event. Some alterations at the last moment caused it to be divided into two sections of 8 each and one section of four players who played a double round. The firsts and seconds in each section afterwards met in a triangular rounds. Section A was won by F. Schofield (the Secretary of the Leeds Chess Club) with $6\frac{1}{2}$ points, G. Wright (York) being second with 5, Mrs. R. H. S. Stevenson and J. Jackson being close up with $4\frac{1}{2}$ each. In section B, P. Ursall (Birmingham) and J. Watt (Hastings) tied for first place with 5 each; but as Ursall beat Watt in their individual game he was (by the tourney rules) awarded first place. In the supplementary section C. S. J. Holloway (Bromley) and A. N. Stuart (Brazil) tied with $3\frac{1}{2}$ each and, by the same rule, Mr. Holloway was placed first.

Details of Sections as follows:—

In the triangular tourney, of firsts, Schofield beat both his opponents and secured first prize. S. J. Holloway and P. Ursall divided second and third. In the triangular of seconds Stuart also beat both his opponents taking fourth prize; J. A. Watt, who beat Wright was fifth and G. Wright last. The prize money was distributed as follows:—First, Schofield £7 10s. od.; Second, S. J. Holloway and P. Ursell, £4 os. od. each; Fourth, A. N. Stuart £3 os. od.; Fifth, J. Watt £2 and Sixth, G. Wright £2. Aubrey Stuart, who tied for first place in Section C, resides in Rio de Janeiro and is in this country on a holiday. When at home he edits a chess column in the *Brazilian American*, and has always shown that he greatly appreciates everything connected with English chess.

Minor tournament.—The play in the preliminary sections resulted as follows:—

A.—F. Davy (Doncaster) 7; R. W. Genese (Tunbridge Wells) 5; W. L. Wakefield (Coventry) 5; Mrs. MacKereth (Buxton) 4; W. H. Eyles (Birmingham), A. Schofield (Pontefract) and R. G. Tyzack (Leeds) 2 each; and Mrs. Hutchinson (Manchester) 1. The tourney rule operated against W. L. Wakefield and placed Mr. Genese second.

B.—D. Byass (Scarborough), E. M. Lyon-Campbell (Worcester) and R. A. Wale (Leicester) 5 each; E. Lake (Norwich) and Mrs. Sollas (Oxford) $4\frac{1}{2}$; B. Copeland (Hastings) and P. J. Dumphy (Scarborough) $1\frac{1}{2}$ each; Mrs. Healy (Manchester) 1.

As the three winners of this section had all a similar result in their individual games against each other some further play was necessary. Eventually R. A. Wale was placed first and Lyon-Campbell second. The last named is a blind boy. He is a remarkable illustration of how even great difficulties may be overcome, for he not only plays chess but plays it very well.

SECTION "A."

SECTION "B."

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	T'l.		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	T'l.
1 J. Jackson (Dewsbury) ..	—	1	1	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	$4\frac{1}{2}$	1 Mr. S. J. Holloway (Bromley)	—	0	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	0	1	3
2 S. P. Ludbrook (Rotherham)	0	—	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	2 J. G. Hayes (Ilford)	1	—	0	1	1	0	0	1	4
3 S. Meymott (Ealing)	0	1	—	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	0	0	1	$2\frac{1}{2}$	3 F. V. Louis (London)	1	1	—	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	0	1	$4\frac{1}{2}$
4 G. K. Nuttall (London)	1	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	—	0	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	3	4 Miss S. Malcolm (Edinburgh)	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	0	—	0	0	0	1	$1\frac{1}{2}$
5 Mrs. R. H. S. Stevenson (L'nd)	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	1	1	—	0	0	1	$4\frac{1}{2}$	5 V. H. Rutherford (London)	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	—	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	4
6 F. Schofield (Leeds)	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	1	1	1	—	1	1	$6\frac{1}{2}$	6 P. A. Ursell (Birmingham)	0	1	1	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	—	1	1	$5\frac{1}{2}$
7 G. Wright (York)	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	0	—	1	5	7 J. A. Watt (Hastings)	1	1	1	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	—	1	$5\frac{1}{2}$
8 H. Ward (W. Croydon)	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	—	1	8 Rev. E. Wells (Bournemouth)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	—	0

SUPPLEMENTARY SECTION "C."

S. J. Holloway (Bromley) ..	$3\frac{1}{2}$	A. H. Knight (London)	$2\frac{1}{2}$
A. N. Stuart (Brazil)	$3\frac{1}{2}$	G. M. Reid (Scarboro')	$2\frac{1}{2}$

C.—A. Lindsay-Densham 5; Miss Chater (Penzance) $4\frac{1}{2}$ and Lewis (London) $3\frac{1}{2}$; L. Burland (Wath) 3; J. J. Perks (Birmingham) 2; and L. A. Robinson (Scarborough) $\frac{1}{2}$. One player was absent from this section.

The final placings were:—First, F. Davy £5 os. od.; Second, R. A. Wale and Lindsay-Densham £2 10s. od. each; Fourth, Lyon-Campbell £1 os. od.; Fifth and Sixth, R. W. Genese and Miss Chater 15/- each.

In this tourney F. Davy of Doncaster did not lose a game. He won 9 games in succession and probably is a player who will be heard of again.

It soon became evident at Scarborough that the ultra-modern style of play would be much in favour. The very first game that attracted attention was a specimen of this type—a game between F. C. Short and Max Romih in which the last-named defended with his Pawns in a way that would have delighted Philidor.

GAME No. 5,407.

WHITE		BLACK		WHITE		BLACK	
F. C. SHORT		MAX ROMIH		F. C. SHORT		MAX ROMIH	
1	Kt—K B 3	1	P—Q 4	11	Kt—Kt 2	11	Kt—B 3
2	P—Q B 4	2	P—Q 5	12	Q—B 2	12	Castles
3	P—Q Kt 4	3	P—Q B 4	13	B—Kt 2	13	Kt (B 3)—Kt 5
4	P—Q R 3	4	P—B 3	14	P×P	14	P×P
5	P—Kt 3	5	P—K 4	15	Kt×P	15	Q—R 4 ch
6	Q—Kt 3	6	P—K 5	16	K—Q 1	16	B—B 4
7	Kt—R 4	7	Kt—Q B 3	17	P—B 3	17	B×Kt (K 4)
8	P—Kt 5	8	Kt—K 4	18	P×B	18	Kt—B 7 ch
9	P—Q 3	9	P—B 4	19	K—B 1	19	Kt×R
10	Kt—Q 2	10	B—K 2				

Black has now won a piece, which he kept, but Mr. Short did not resign until the 32nd move when he was threatened with the loss of another piece.

The following is a brilliant game in which W. Gibson defeated V. Kahn. It is probably the best game played at Scarborough. By permission we are quoting the notes from the *Morning Post*.

GAME No. 5,408.

Queen's Pawn Opening.

WHITE		BLACK		WHITE		BLACK	
W. GIBSON		V. KAHN		W. GIBSON		V. KAHN	
1	P—Q 4	1	P—Q 4	14	R×R	14	B×R
2	Kt—K B 3	2	Kt—K B 3	15	B×Kt	15	P—K B 4
3	P—Q B 4	3	P—B 3	16	B—B 2	16	Kt—B 3
4	P×P	4	P×P	17	B—Kt 3 (c)	17	Q—B 3
5	Kt—B 3	5	P—K 3	18	B—B 3	18	Q—R 3
6	P—K 3	6	Kt—B 3	19	P—Q 5 !	19	P×P
7	B—Q 3	7	B—Q 3	20	B×P ch	20	K—R 1
8	Castles	8	Castles	21	P—K R 3 (d)	21	R—Q 1
9	R—K 1	9	B—Q 2	22	B×Kt !	22	P×B
10	B—Q 2	10	R—B 1	23	B—Kt 4 ! (e)	23	K—Kt 1
11	R—B 1	11	Kt—Q R 4 (a)	24	Q—Kt 3 ch	24	K—R 1
12	P—K 4 (b)	12	P×P	25	Q—B 7	25	R—B 1 (f)
13	Kt×P	13	Kt×Kt	26	B×B !	26	Resigns (g)

(a) It is too early for an aggressive move of this kind.

(b) The natural reply.

(c) White begins to have much the better position.

(d) Useful in view of contingencies.

(e) A beautiful move, which Kahn no doubt overlooked. The best reply is probably B—K 3, after which Kahn suggested 24 B×B, B—Kt 1; 25 B—B 4, R×Q; 26 B×Q, R×R ch; 27 Kt×R, P×B; 28 P—Kt 3, with a draw likely.

(f) The reply to B—Q 2 is 26 Q×B!

(g) Very finely played by the winner, who has a reputation for successes against the leaders in tournaments.

MARIENBAD TOURNAMENT.

On June 8th the fifteenth and final round was played at the Kurhaus, Marienbad, and the result of the tournament was a tie for first and second places between Aron Nimzovitch and Akuba Rubinstein, with 11 points each. This is Nimzovitch's first great success in an international masters' contest; but Rubinstein, of course, has triumphed many times before. It will be seen that the younger player lost one game only, and Rubinstein two, while the great American, Frank Marshall, lost none at all. Ten draws in fifteen games, however, prevented Marshall from doing more than tie for third and fourth places with the new star from Mexico, Carlos Torre.

Reti considerably improved on his Baden-Baden performance, Tartakover practically reproduced his (*eq.* 5th place each time), Spielmann improved, and Grünfeld was stationary (8th each time). Yates missed the general prize-list by one point, but got the *Daily Telegraph* prize for the best English score. Sir George Thomas was only a point behind him, his 6 being sufficient to put him above Janowski and Sämisch (3rd at Baden-Baden, *eq.* 13th at Marienbad). Michell was not in winning vein, but had the satisfaction of draws with both the American representatives and with Grünfeld, among the prize-winners.

It may be of interest to note that, of the players who took part at both Baden-Baden and Marienbad, Rubinstein scored 25½ out of 35; Marshall, 22½; Nimzovitch and Tartakover, 22; Torre, 20½; Grünfeld and Reti, 19½; Sämisch, 19; Spielmann, 18½; Yates, 15; and Thomas, 11. Table:—

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	Score	Prize
1 A. Nimzovitch ..	—	1	0	½	1	½	1	½	1	½	1	1	1	1	1	½	11	} I/II
2 A. Rubinstein ..	0	—	½	½	½	½	½	½	1	0	½	1	1	1	1	1	11	
3 F. J. Marshall ..	1	½	—	½	½	½	½	½	1	1	½	½	½	½	½	1	10	} III/IV
4 C. Torre ..	½	½	½	—	1	½	0	1	1	1	1	½	½	½	½	1	10	
5 R. Reti ..	0	0	½	0	—	0	1	0	½	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	9½	} V
6 S. G. Tartakover ..	½	0	½	½	1	—	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	9½	
7 R. Spielmann ..	½	0	½	1	0	1	—	0	½	½	0	½	1	1	1	1	8½	} VII
8 E. Grünfeld ..	0	½	½	0	1	0	1	—	1	½	½	½	½	½	½	1	8	
9 F. D. Yates ..	½	0	0	0	½	0	½	0	—	1	1	½	½	½	1	1	7	} VI
10 C. Opocenski ..	0	1	0	0	0	½	½	½	1	—	0	1	1	1	1	1	6½	
11 D. Przepiorka ..	½	0	1	0	0	0	½	½	0	1	—	1	1	0	0	0	6	} VIII
12 Sir G. A. Thomas ..	0	0	½	½	0	½	½	½	½	½	0	—	1	½	1	0	6	
13 D. Janowski ..	0	0	0	½	½	0	0	½	½	½	0	0	—	1	1	1	5½	} VIII
14 F. Sämisch ..	0	0	½	½	0	0	0	½	½	½	1	0	0	—	1	1	5½	
15 R. P. Michell ..	0	0	½	½	0	0	0	½	0	0	1	0	0	0	—	1	3½	} VIII
16 A. Haida ..	½	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	—	2½	

SOME IMPRESSIONS OF THE MARIENBAD CHESS
TOURNAMENT.

BY AN ONLOOKER.

Hush ! A chess tournament is in progress ! Are your boots soled with rubber ? Can you modulate your voice to the softest of whispers ? Then you may enter. S-s-s-h ! Gently with the door, if you please.

A long, lofty room, capable of holding 300 people, with a row of great windows. Down the centre at measured intervals, 8 little tables, with 2 players at each.

A sudden noise—Nimzovitch with his hasty, nervous movements, has scraped his chair leg on the echoing boards. S-s-s-h. Is this the player who posted a request on the notice board that spectators standing round his board should not rattle keys in their pocket ? S-s-s-h ! !

Janowski, gaunt, cadaverous, but with a ready smile which lights up his whole face, goes up to the two or three ladies who sit there waiting, and makes one of his many little witticisms about the other players. "Have you seen so and so ? He sway to and fro, to and fro. If he do it much more, I tell him he make me sea-sick ! " An involuntary titter from the listener breaks the silence. S-s-s-h, a tournament is in progress.

Przepiorka hurries to the platform and speaks in agitated words to the *Turnier-leiter*. Surely this gentleman of generous proportions is not worried by a slight sound. Oh no, but there is a window open ! Where ? One can see no window open ! No, but in the adjoining room, and the door has been left ajar by passers in and out.

Rubinstein with his measured tread and eyes fixed on the ground, paces along the carpet which covers the passage down the long room. Here is a player who never by word or movement disturbs the hushed calm of the room. His face is almost mask-like in its suppression of emotion.

Is this the sixth or seventh time that Torre, slim and lithe as only a Mexican can be, has passed round the room since his last move ? His youthful desire for movement is not satisfied by his daily half-hour at the gymnasium before the commencement of play, and like a wild young creature enclosed in a cage he circles the available space. The readiness with which he agrees to a draw has been commented on, but to-day he is winning. "See how finely I can win when the position allows of it," he says, with a wave of his outstretched hands.

Thomas sits so quiet and so apparently impassive. "A perfect gentleman," says another player of him, "who never disturbs others." Yet not so impassive as he looks, for a door bangs, and with a sudden start the colour rushes to his cheeks.

Michell, like Thomas, finds the long hours of sustained tension have an effect on his play, and the afternoon session sees a gradual reduction of the advantage won in the morning. Yet he takes his many losses with his usual composure, and the only thing that arouses him is a crowd round the adjourned game he has just quitted.

Comments and suggestions to his opponent are being freely expressed, till Michell, striding quickly to the centre of the group, with a single movement of the hand sweeps all the pieces off the board. The group breaks up, and his opponent flushes at the unspoken criticism.

Marshall, large and loose-limbed, with the slow drawl of the New-Yorker, can yet reduce his voice to the required low level when he drops down on the lounge seat by his wife to confide to her his hopes and fears during the game.

A game is finished. Players and friends discuss the final moves with voices that gradually ascend in volume. S-s-s-h! This time the hiss makes no impression. S-s-s-s-h! The *Turnier-leiter* leaves his high seat on the platform and hurries to the rescue. With persuasive words and gestures he coaxes players and spectators into the adjoining room, where discussions may be carried on more freely. The door is shut. Silence once more.

Outside half-a-dozen working girls, chattering and laughing, pass by, each carrying a bowl of soup and a lump of bread for dinner. Their fresh young voices penetrate even through the closed windows, and a frown gathers on the faces of some of the players. But alas, here the *Turnier-leiter* is powerless.

The single ting of a bell breaks the four hours' silence. Moves must be recorded and sealed in an envelope for the afternoon session. Then away into the glorious June sunshine to lunch and rest. To rest, did you say? Oh no! The little pocket board comes out while lunch is being set on the table and the adjourned position is put up, and lowered eyes and frowning brows show how the game is still in progress in the mind of the player.

GAME No. 5,409.

Played in a simultaneous exhibition at the Franklin Chess Club, Philadelphia.

French Defence.

WHITE		BLACK		WHITE		BLACK	
J. R. CAPABLANCA	W. P. SHIPLEY	J. R. CAPABLANCA	W. P. SHIPLEY	J. R. CAPABLANCA	W. P. SHIPLEY	J. R. CAPABLANCA	W. P. SHIPLEY
1 P—K 4		P—K 3		18 B—K 4		B—B 3	
2 P—Q 4		P—Q 4		19 B×B		P×B	
3 Kt—Q B 3		Kt—K B 3		20 R—Kt 3		K—B 2	
4 B—K Kt 5		B—Kt 5		21 Q R—Q Kt 1		R—Q Kt 1	
5 P×P		Q×P		22 R×R		R×R	
6 B×Kt		B×Kt ch		23 R×R		K×R	
7 P×B		P×B		24 K—Q 3		K—B 2	
8 Q—Q 2		P—Q B 4		25 K—K 4		K—Q 3	
9 Kt—B 3		Kt—B 3		26 P—Kt 4		K—K 3	
10 Q—K 3		P×P		27 P—K R 4		P—B 3	
11 P×P		B—Q 2		28 P—K B 4		P×P	
12 B—Q 3		Q—R 4 ch		29 K×P		P—K R 3	
13 K—K 2		Castles Q R		30 P—B 3		P—R 3	
14 K R—Q Kt 1		P—K 4		31 P—R 3		P—Q R 4	
15 P×P		Kt×P		32 P—Q R 4		K—K 2	
16 Kt×Kt		Q×Kt		33 K—B 5		P—B 4	
17 Q×Q		P×Q		34 P—B 4		Resigns	

CHESS NOTES AND PROBLEMS

(Continued from page 264)

Eventually I received no less than 38 solutions to the Chess Problem and Cross Word Puzzle. The first envelope opened proved to be correct, and the solver was Rt. Hon. Leif Jones, who writes "*Modern Chess Openings* came as a very pleasant surprise." Unfortunately the problem was unsound, and admitted of at least three solutions. The author's solution I gave last month; others are 1 Q—B 5 ch; 1 Kt—Kt 4 ch; and one solver says "The chess problem is unsound, having several easy solutions." H. H. Cudmore was naturally very much upset, and promises a teaser next time, probably in October or November. In answer to one or two solvers, "rane" is to be found in Nuttall's Dictionary.

The solutions to the Problems for Juniors on page 263 are as follows: 7. Unfortunately I find that I have made no note as to whence I got this problem. Perhaps by next month I shall find it again. White wins by 1 K—B 7, P—R 4; 2 P—R 4, K—R 3; 3 K—B 6. If 1 K—B 6, P—R 4; 2 K×P, P×P and draws. If 2 P—R 4, P×R P wins. 8. From a game between Marshall and Schlechter. Marshall won by 1 Q—Q 2 (Q—Kt 5 wins back the piece, but this attacks the Rook's Pawn as well) Q—K 3; 2 Q×R P, Q×P; 3 R×Kt, Q×P; 4 R—Q 4, Q—Kt 8 ch; 5 K—R 2, Q—B 4; 6 R—K Kt 4, Resigns.

The solutions of the Problems for Seniors are as follows: 7.—A problem by A. Troitzky. White draws by 1 R—B 5 ch, if K moves to Kt file, 2, K—R 3, P—Kt 8=R (If =Q, White draws by R—Kt 5 ch) and the game is drawn. If 1.., K—K 2 or K 1, 2 R—K 5 ch, K moves; 3 R—K 1, B×R; 4 K—R 3, P—Kt 8=Kt ch; 5 K—Kt 2, Kt—K 7; K—B 1 and draws; 8. This position was from my last correspondence game in the County Championship. I played 1.., R×K B P and sent my opponent: If 2 K×R, R—B 1 ch; 3 K—Kt 2, Q×P ch; 4 K—R 2, B—Kt 8 ch; 5 K or R×B, Q×R, and in either case Black has a won end game. White however replied 2 Kt×B, the continuation was 2.., Q R—B 1; 3 Q—Q 3, Q—K B 2; 4 P×P, P×P; 5 R (R 1)—R 2, Q—B 3; 6 P—R 4, P—Kt 4; 7 Q—Q 1, P×Kt, Q—Q 3, R—B 7 ch; 8 R×R, P×R; 9 K—B 1, P×P; 10 Q—K 3, P—R 6 and White resigned.

Unfortunately this month I have procrastinated so much that I find myself at the time that my MS. ought to go to the printers with practically nothing done; which either means hanging up the Magazine or cutting out a lot I wanted to give for another month. As I am advised that we have got so much over matter, I am adopting this with apologies to solvers whose solutions to Problems 5 and 6 I will criticise with those of 6 and 7 next month.

I have received nineteen solutions to the Senior Problems Nos. 5 and 6. The marks are as follows: "Pussycat," 35, 0, 10, 45; "Clare" 27, 6, 10, 43; "Delta," 28, 4, 10, 43; "Neworb," 27, 5, 10, 42; "Beta," 26, 6, 10, 42; "A-A," 29, 5, 6, 40; "Sirius," 26, 9, 4, 39;

"Cic," 24, 5, 10, 39; "O.L.T.," 22, 6, 10, 38; "Nemo," 29, 5, 0, 34; "Squibs," 18, 5, 10, 33; "G.A.W.," 28, 4, 0, 32; "H.O.T.," (3/6) 10, 6, 0, 10, 26; "Gambit," 24 No solutions; "A.G.A.," 10, 10, 20; "C.H.D.," 9, 10, 19; "T.E.S.," 5, 10, 15; "R.F.D.H.," 3, 9, 12; "C.C.X.L.," 10, 10; E. Whitehead (S. Africa), 10, -, 10; "Skylark," -, 9, 9.

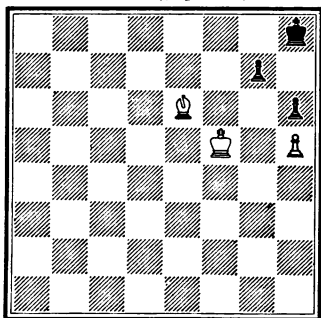
I received twelve solvers to the Junior Problems Nos. 5 and 6, and the marks are as follows: "Knowsley," 27, 6, 9, 42; "B.H.K.B.," 26, 6, 10, 42; "Synops," 23, 9, 10, 42; "Pawn," 25, 6, 10, 41; "Tyro," 25, 6, 10, 41; "Lopez," 23, 6, 10, 39; "R.D.D.," 19, 7, 10, 36; "Relda," 8, 10, 18; "Cheadd," 8, 10, 18; "Rook," 16, No solutions; "S. H. Rose," 6, 10, 6; "Lady Clare," 6, 10, 16; "Robo," 6, 10, 16.

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

"Robo"—Very glad to welcome you. Please enter one section or the other—I can only mark for one. Many thanks for position which I will look at at my leisure, and of which I may be glad later to make use. "Skylark"—I congratulate you on first attempts. If you are able to solve the Junior Problems from the diagrams I suggest you enter for the Seniors. "Cheadd"—Glad to welcome you. "R.D.D."—You can get single copies of the *B.C.M.* by sending 1/1 to me or the publishers, Messrs. Whitehead & Miller. "Lady Clara"—Will criticise next month. "S. H. Rose"—Please take pseudonym. Don't complain of the difficulties, you have done very well. "Relda"—Glad to welcome you. Hope you will keep it up. "Synops"—Will look at the end-game at first opportunity and reply direct. "Knowsley"—Will turn up your solution of No. 4 later. "C.C.X.L."—Why only one problem again? "Pussycat"—Let me know when you have any honey! "C.H.D. and R.F.D.H."—Glad to welcome you. "Nuorb"—Many thanks for your kind letter. Sorry I did not recognise a solver in you on Whit Monday. "J.R.C."—Am very pleased with the victory, and your kind remarks. Why not try the Juniors first and when you have reached the top of the ladder try the Seniors. In any case your solutions are not correct, as you will see this month. "Symon Lee"—Please take a pseudonym. Every new solver helps to strengthen the position! "O.L.T."—Cannot find your address, or would have answered yours, for which many thanks.

PROBLEMS FOR JUNIORS.

Problem No. 9.
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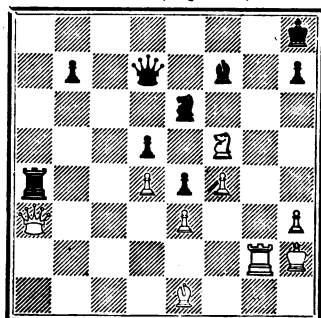


WHITE (3 pieces)

White to play.

What result and how?

Problem No. 10.
BLACK (9 pieces)



WHITE (9 pieces)

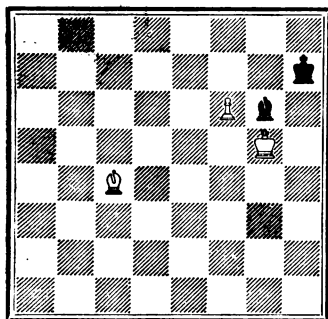
White to play.

How should he continue?

PROBLEMS FOR SENIORS.

Problem No. 9.

BLACK (2 pieces)



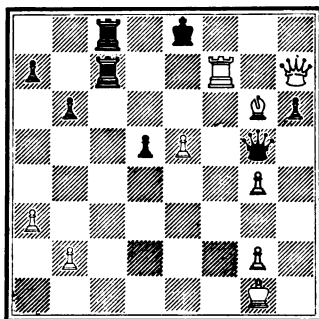
WHITE (3 pieces)

White to play.

What result and how ?

Problem No. 10.

BLACK (8 pieces)



WHITE (9 pieces)

White to play.

What result and how ?

The solutions of these problems should be sent to R. C. Griffith,
18 Wedderburn Road, London, N.W.3. by **August 31st, 1925.**
(N.B.—I am taking my holiday next month !)

REVIEW.

Die Unregelmässigen Verteidigungen der Damenbauereröffnung.
By Kurt Emmrich. Berlin and Leipzig: W. de Gruyter & Co.
1.50 M. unbound.

This is a little pamphlet of 66 pages, containing 25 games, with 52 diagrams, illustrating the various irregular defences to the Queen's Pawn opening. All the games are taken from modern master-play down to the Hastings Tournament in the end of 1923, and are excellently annotated, with frequent references to the opinions of masters themselves.

The defences are divided into the following ten :—(1) Budapest Gambit ; (2) 1.., Kt—K B 3 ; 2 P—Q B 4, P—K 3 ; 3 Kt—Q B 3, B—Kt 5 ; (3) Bogoljuboff's variation : 1.., Kt—K B 3 ; 2 Kt—K B 3, P—K 3 ; 3 P—B 4 ; B—Kt 5 ch ; (4) 1.., Kt—K B 3 ; 2.., P—K 3 ; 3.., P—Q Kt 3 ; (5) Indian (1.., Kt—K B 3 ; 2 Kt—K B 3, P—K 3 ; 3 P—B 4) with 3.., P—B 4 ; (6) 1.., Kt—K B 3 ; 2.., P—Q 3, with P—K 4 and B—K 2 to follow ; (7) 1.., Kt—K B 3 ; 2.., P—K Kt 3, with P—Q 3 to follow ; (8) Grünfeld's Defence ; (9) 1.., P—Q B 4 or 1.., Kt—K B 3, followed by P—B 4 ; (10) Dutch Defence.

This is a very serviceable work for all students of these defences, many of them so popular nowadays, to White's initiative on the Queen's side.

NEWS FROM THE BRITISH ISLES.

Southern Counties' Union Championship.—The first match for season 1925-26 took place on June 20th, at Southend-on-Sea, where Essex received a visit from Kent, the score being $11\frac{1}{2}$ — $9\frac{1}{2}$ in favour of the travelling team.

KENT.					ESSEX.				
1	O. C. Muller	..	..	..	I	W. O. Woodfield	..	..	0
2	E. Creswell	..	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	E. W. Osler	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$
3	R. C. Noel Johnson	..	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	E. J. Randall	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$
4	C. G. Bennett	..	..	..	0	A. Jones	..	..	I
5	C. H. Lorch	..	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	E. W. Hart	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$
6	B. W. Hamilton	..	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	W. H. Taylor	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$
7	C. E. Taylor	..	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	H. A. Melvin	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$
8	W. M. Brooke	..	..	..	I	F. A. Sisley	..	..	0
6	J. Sargent	..	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	J. G. Hayes	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$
10	G. Hanson	..	..	..	0	G. F. Hawkins	..	..	I
11	F. W. Chambers	..	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	C. A. Thorogood	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$
12	S. G. Duffell	..	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	Aylmer Maude	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$
13	E. S. Tinsley	..	..	..	I	G. Booth	..	..	0
14	R. H. S. Stevenson	..	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	F. W. Markwick	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$
15	B. W. Penson	..	..	..	0	R. H. Bayley	..	..	I
16	S. J. Holloway	..	..	..	I	W. E. Evans	..	..	0
17	N. Rhys	..	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	R. C. Harvey	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$
18	S. P. Lees	..	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	E. J. Gibbs	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$
19	F. J. Dennis	..	..	..	I	L. T. Weaser	..	..	0
20	Capt. McCanlis	..	..	..	0	F. D. Downton	..	..	I
21	C. E. Woolmer	..	..	..	I	R. J. Mumford	..	..	0
					11 $\frac{1}{2}$				
						9 $\frac{1}{2}$			

Worcester Senior Clubs' Championship: Final.—Worcester College for the Blind, the winners of the Southern section met Stourport, the winners of the Northern, at Stourport, on May 23rd, in the final for the championship of the county. The School team won with rather unexpected ease and so brought to a fitting close a wonderfully successful season, in which they have won thirteen of their sixteen matches, scoring 97 games to their opponents' 52. They have defeated every other school they have played by large margins and won the Public Schools' championship of the county. A recent member of the School holds the individual championship of Worcestershire, Oxfordshire and the Three Counties (Worcs., Warwicks. and Staffs.). Two members of the school entered the recent Bromley and Hastings congresses and both were prize-winners.

Score :—

WORC. COLLEGE FOR THE BLIND.					STOURPORT.				
1	T. H. Tylor	..	..	..	1	W. C. Roberts	..	..	0
2	G. C. Brown	..	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	L. C. Munn	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$
3	R. W. Bonham	..	..	..	1	J. E. Dutton	..	..	0
4	M. Bates	..	..	..	1	A. D. Capel-Loft	..	..	0
5	A. Brace	..	..	..	1	J. Collett	..	..	0
6	W. V. Miede	..	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	J. E. Rose	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$
					5				
									1

Nottinghamshire Chess Association.—The annual meeting of this Association was held at the Mechanics' Institution, Nottingham, last Saturday. A membership of forty-eight was recorded, this being a slight increase on last year. The Codnor Park and District Club had become affiliated, this being the first club outside the city of Nottingham to join the Association. The committee appealed to other clubs and players in the county to join. They remarked that the Association had now completed its third year of existence, and although it had gathered considerable support in the county town, it had not received the support elsewhere, which was needed to make it a representative body.

J. W. Broadbent, late of Sheffield, who has been the secretary of the Association since its formation, was presented with an inscribed gold watch, in recognition of his services. Mr. Broadbent wished to retire, but, as difficulty was experienced in finding a successor, he agreed to carry on the work with the assistance of W. H. Waslin.

Cheshire Chess Association.—The thirty-fourth annual general meeting and the thirty-six anniversary of the founding of the Association was held at the rooms of the Altrincham St. Margaret's Chess Club, Altrincham, on Saturday, May 23rd, 1925. The president, H. Hartley, presided.

There was a good attendance, delegates from Altrincham St. Margaret's, Altrincham County High School for Boys, Chester Y.M.C.A. Hale, Knutsford, Northwich, Sale, Stockport, and Wilmslow Chess Club being present.

The following officers for 1925-26 were elected : President, Mrs. J. G. B. Barber ; hon. secretary and treasurer, Mr. Allan Martindale, "Lansdowne," Hawthorne Lane, Wilmslow. Council : Messrs. J. W. Dutton (Altrincham St. Margaret's), H. Sutcliffe (Altrincham C.H.S. for Boys), J. O. Roberts (Birkenhead Y.M.C.A.), W. P. Nielson (Chester Y.M.C.A.), H. Duddington (Hale), R. J. Batten (Hamilton), F. Atkins (Knutsford), J. B. Slater (Macclesfield), Dr. H. H. Haward (Northwich), E. Taylor (Sale), H. Turner (Stockport), W. H. Sands (Wallasey) and F. Pickup (Wilmslow). Delegates to Northern Counties' Chess Union : Messrs. N. Clissold, W. Gibbon, J. Kay, A. Martindale, H. Sutcliffe and H. Turner. Captain : J. Kay.

The Lincolnshire County championship for the season 1924-25 has been won by J. H. Todd, of Lincoln, who defeated F. S. Harrison, of Grimsby, in the final. Mr. Todd has just retired from the secretaryship of the County Association after thirteen years of office, during which his constant efforts to promote the cause of chess in Lincolnshire have led to an enormous increase, not merely of members, but of interest manifested in the game throughout the county. Mr. Todd has also won the Lincoln City championship for 1924-5. His double victory is a very popular one, and a fitting close to his long and successful period of secretaryship.

The Hampstead Chess Club.—The fortieth annual general meeting of the club was held at Stanfield House, Hampstead, on May 30th ; in the unavoidable absence of the president, A. E. Mercer took the chair.

The report of the treasurer, W. Adams, showed a very satisfactory financial position. There was a profit on the General Account of £14 16s. 9d. on the year's working. In addition to £50 on deposit, there was £62 9s. 2d. in the bank. The General Account at the close of the financial year stood at £68 10s. 5d., and the Life Membership Fund at £49 7s. 0d. The membership was 101, made up as follows : Honorary Members, 7 ; Life, 9 ; Town, 83 ; and Country, 4.

The report of the hon. secretary, M. E. Goldstein, showed that the club had obtained first place in the "A" Division of the London Chess League, for the seventh time in the last twenty years, with a score of 12 points out of 13. The aggregate of games won ($177\frac{1}{2}$) was the highest in the league for the fourth year in succession. In the 28 matches played during the season, 60 different members represented the club.

57 members competed in the five tournaments held during the season, A. E. Mercer, repeating his success of 1923, won the championship with a score of 6 out of 7. He lost only to W. H. M. Kirk, who divided second and third prizes with R. C. Griffith, both scoring 5 points. The remaining scores were : E. Williams, 4 ; E. T. Bangert, $2\frac{1}{2}$; H. G. Dowden and E. M. Jellie, 2 ; Mrs. Holloway, $1\frac{1}{2}$. The Hardman tournament was won by T. S. Dawn, who made the fine score of $10\frac{1}{2}$ out of 12, without losing a game. W. L. Roche and F. L. Hall obtained the second and third prizes with 10 and $9\frac{1}{2}$

respectively. G. H. Rowson won the North tournament after a tie with H. Blaikley; Mrs. Brooke was third.

W. Durdin was elected assistant hon. secretary, and G. W. Richmond was added to the list of honorary members in place of the late Mr. Anthony Guest, who as chess editor of the *Morning Post* was one of the first honorary members of the club, to which he was elected in 1912. The retiring members of the committee by rotation were Mrs. Fish, R. F. Goldstein, Rev. F. O'D. Hoare and T. Maxted, who were not eligible for re-election for a year. Miss Jordan and Messrs. H. W. Clarke, T. S. Dawn and W. O. Hall were elected to fill these vacancies, retiring in 1928.

At the annual general meeting of Oxford University Chess Club held June 1st, the following elections for 1925-6 were made: President, G. S. A. Wheatcroft (New Coll.); hon. secretary, G. R. Mitchell (Magdalen); hon. treasurer, H. F. Sutherland (Balliol); K. H. Bancroft (Pembroke), the University champion, is *ex officio* the match captain.

Exeter Chess Club.—Championship (eight games): 1, H. J. Stretton, $7\frac{1}{2}$; Rev. J. A. S. Castlehow, 5. "A" Tournament (five games): 1, H. J. Stretton, 5; Rev. A. Seymour, $3\frac{1}{2}$. "B" Tournament (four games): 1, W. Coles, $3\frac{1}{2}$; 2, J. Deans Brown, $2\frac{1}{2}$.

The Southampton Chess Club completed the season at the end of April, to meet again in September.

The match programme was principally occupied by the Hampshire trophy and league competitions for the purposes of which the club is divided into two teams of as nearly as possible equal strength (as is also the Portsmouth Club) to enable the smaller organisations in the county to compete on equal terms. In these matches the Southampton "A" team scored 2 out of 4 in the trophy competition, and the "B" team 3 out of 4, the latter having a chance of winning the county competition, which it was not found possible to finish by the end of the season. In the league matches, from which a few of the stronger players are excluded, Southampton "A" scored $2\frac{1}{2}$ out of 8, and Southampton "B" 4 out of 8.

Friendly matches were played with Portsmouth and Salisbury with the following results: *v.* Portsmouth at Southampton, lost $2\frac{1}{2}$ — $4\frac{1}{2}$; *v.* Portsmouth at Portsmouth, won 6—2; *v.* Salisbury at Salisbury, won $5\frac{1}{2}$ — $2\frac{1}{2}$; *v.* Salisbury at Southampton, won 6—2.

The club tournaments resulted as follows: Championship—F. J. H. Elwell, $12\frac{1}{2}$ out of 14; 2, A. C. Whitcher, 9 (14). Cup Handicap—1, R. T. Lawrence, 11 (13); 2 and 3, H. R. Northover and E. G. Parsons, $10\frac{1}{2}$ (13); 4, F. J. H. Elwell, $9\frac{1}{2}$ (13). Trophy Handicap—1, W. G. Kimber, $7\frac{1}{2}$ (9); 2, W. R. Bryson, $6\frac{1}{2}$ (9). Continuous Tournament—1, W. O. Robertson, games played 22, points 131, average 5.95; 2, A. E. Gale, 33, 156, 4.72; 3, W. F. Sandell, 24, 100, 4.16; 4, S. J. Smith, 24, 98, 4.08. Knock-out Tournament—1, F. J. H. Elwell; 2, F. J. Tinkler.

London Commercial Chess League : The Championship Cup.—The presentation of the championship cup to the winners of this league took place at a very successful dinner held at the Falstaff Restaurant, Philpot Lane, E.C.3, on Tuesday, the 21st April, when the president C. D. Morton, supported by the vice-presidents, J. A. Miles and H. K. E. Ostle, presided over an attendance of about 155 ladies and gentlemen.

The chairman, in presenting the cup to the winners, the Nestanglo Chess Club, referred to Lloyd's Chess Club being only $\frac{1}{2}$ point behind. H. E. Swift accepted the trophy on behalf of Nestanglo Chess Club.

The health of the chairman was toasted with musical honours, after being proposed by J. A. Miles, who gave a brief account of the lifelong interest Mr. Morton had taken in chess, and his connections with the British Chess Federation and the City of London Chess Club as well as having played regularly for his county, Surrey. Mr. Miles concluded by thanking the chairman for providing the championship cup and for his kindness in presenting same to the winners. In reply, the chairman assured the company that it was a pleasure to do whatever he could do to promote the interest of the league, and referred encouragingly to the work of the secretary.

T. Devereux (chairman of Lloyd's Sports Club) proposed "The League" in a very cordial manner, and spoke of the progress of the league. R. W. Bayliss (secretary), replied for the league, and remarked that the progress made in so brief a time, after the league's inception, was due to the friendly co-operation extended by all the clubs.

The health of "The Ladies" was ably proposed by G. E. Startup, and acknowledged by Mrs. Whitmarsh, who hoped this would be only the first of many similar functions.

H. K. E. Ostle, in proposing "The Adjudicators," said the league was fortunate in having the services of T. F. Lawrence, an international; A. J. Maas, ex-champion of Surrey; and E. J. Randall, of Essex, as adjudicators.

The musical programme was particularly good, and was rendered by Miss Constance G. Forster, J. P. Flanagan and Reginald Fryer—all were greatly appreciated. Miss Ivy Lindsey in humorous songs gained much applause, and V. C. Read contributed able assistance as the accompanist.

Enquiries from chess clubs desirous of joining this league should be addressed to the Secretary, 107 Leadenhall Street, E.C.2.

Edinburgh Ladies' Chess Club.—The annual general meeting of the Edinburgh Ladies' Chess Club was held at the clubrooms, 20 Rutland Square, on May 11th, Miss S. E. S. Mair, LL.D., president, in the chair.

The hon. secretary, Miss Malcolm, reported that this was the twenty-first anniversary of the starting of the club, and she gave a short resumé of its inception and history since its inauguration in June, 1904, with a nucleus of nine members, and which rose in the course of years to seventy-three. It was the pioneer club in the movement of chess for women in the country, as it was established before any other women's chess club or association in Scotland.

There were only three of the original members remaining, namely, the president, Miss E. S. Mair; the hon. secretary, Miss Malcolm; and Miss Duncanson. There had been great enthusiasm shown in the attendances this winter. A visit was paid to the club in December by G. Maroczy, Hungarian chess master, who played 24 games simultaneously, and won 22, the other two being drawn. Three teams played in league matches, and the Spens cup competition, open to junior clubs in Scotland, was also competed for. The ladies defeated Perth and Alloa clubs, losing by one game to Cowdenbeath in the final.

Mrs. Macfie, of Borthwick Hall, was re-elected hon. president, Miss S. E. S. Mair president, Mrs. Mill and Mrs. Coast vice-presidents, and Miss Malcolm hon. secretary and treasurer.

Mrs. Ritchie is to be heartily congratulated on winning the Scottish Ladies' championship. After a tie with Miss Forbes she won two games outright. Those who saw her play at the Edinburgh congress of 1920 felt sure she would soon come to the front and it is probably only her many activities which have prevented previous success. We specially hope she will be able to play in the British Ladies' championship at Stratford-on-Avon.

Chess and Music.—P. P. Sabouroff who was once president of the Pan-Russian Chess Federation, and also of the Petrograd Chess Club, has composed a Love Symphony for big orchestra, which was played for the first time on May 6th in the "Concert Classique" at Monte Carlo and proved a great success.

The Scherzo (third part) of the symphony is called "Simultaneous Games of Chess."

Surrey County Individual Competitions.—Challenge Cup (County Championship). Section A: F. F. L. Alexander $5\frac{1}{2}$ (6), G. A. Felce $3\frac{1}{2}$ (4), A. Fletcher $3\frac{1}{2}$ (5), E. W. Davies 3 (4). Section B: H. C. Griffiths 4 (5), T. H. Robertson 3 (3), W. L. Brierley 3 (4), E. Macdonald 2 (3).

Slater-Kennington Cup.—Section A: F. E. Yewdall $3\frac{1}{2}$ (5), H. Evans 3 (4), S. P. Lees $2\frac{1}{2}$ (4). Section B: Capt. P. Titley $3\frac{1}{2}$ (4), O. Henke 3 (4), F. Hodge $2\frac{1}{2}$ (4), T. L. Moodie $2\frac{1}{2}$ (4).

Felce Cup.—Section A: L. Atkinson $4\frac{1}{2}$ (5), W. P. Willis 2 (2).

Wernick Cup.—Section A: E. F. J. Smart 3 (5), F. G. Butters 2 (3) W. C. Pressey 2 (3). Section B: C. Harnden 4 (5), W. R. Ferguson 3 (4) R. E. Patrick 2 (3).

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NEWS FROM THE DOMINIONS AND FOREIGN LANDS.

Australia.—Details have now been arranged, provisionally, for the first "Pietzcker" tournament at Melbourne during the Christmas and New Year holidays. As we mentioned in our May issue, Mr. J. A. Pietzcker is contributing the prizes for this event, the object of which is to help the cause of Australian chess. It is hoped that the pick of players from other states will be able to compete with the leading Victorian representatives.

New Zealand.—The season at Wellington was opened on April 18th with a match, 35 a-side, between the North and the South of the district. The result was a draw, each side winning 35 games. On the top board, E. A. Hicks (N.) beat R. J. Barnes (S.).

The Wellington C.C. has recently held its forty-ninth annual meeting, the Auckland C.C. its forty-first, and the Otago C.C. its fortieth. The Auckland C.C. has now 92 members, an improvement of 37 since last year; and a debit balance of £19 has been converted into a credit balance of £25.

South Africa.—Good support seems to be forthcoming for the proposed Southern Hemisphere tournament at Cape Town, Australia and New Zealand being hopeful of sending representatives to compete.

Dr. Blieden has won the championship of the Union Club, Johannesburg, after a tie with Mr. Barnet.

In a two-round match, 19 a-side, Johannesburg beat Pretoria 24—14. On the top board Dr. Blieden and Mr. Dunbar won one game each.

During the Easter holidays a team of six players from Bulawayo visited Salisbury and played a double-round tournament with six representatives. Bulawayo won by 43½—26½.

Kenya Colony.—At the ninth annual meeting of the Nairobi C.C., the hon. secretary, A. H. Spencer Palmer, reported an increase in membership from 38 to 51 and a good general attendance on nights of play. A new president was elected in R. Middleditch, who is chess champion of the colony.

Canada.—A match between R. Campagna, champion of Quebec, and L. Richard, winner of the minor tournament at Montreal, ended in a draw, 1—1—3.

United States.—Much satisfaction is felt over the success of Marshall and Torre at Baden-Baden and Marienbad.

The playing off of adjourned games in the annual tournament of the Los Angeles C.C. left the position: S. Mlotkowski and S. Weinbaum, 12½ each; D. H. Mugridge and E. Schrader, 11½ each;

H. Borochoff and G. S. G. Patterson, 11 each. The tie-match between Mlotkowski and Weinbaum was won by the former by 2—0.

France.—The woman's championship tournament, played at "Le Fou du Roi," Montmartre, resulted in a win for Mlle. Paulette Schwartzmann, Mlle. Frigard being second, and Mme. Schartzmann, *mère*, third. Mlle. Frigard retains the title which she won last year, Mlle. Schwartzmann being of Russian nationality.

Germany.—At the twenty-fourth congress of the German Chess Federation, to be held in Breslau, between July 18th and the beginning of August, it is expected that the Masters' tournament will be contested by the following: A. Becker (Vienna), Euwe, von Gotschall, Grünfeld, Hülse, Moritz, Nimzovitch, Reti, Sämisch, Tarrasch, Torre and Wagner (Hamburg).

Italy.—In a match at Venice between the home team and Trieste, victory went to the former by 7—5. L. Miliani drew on the top board with B. de Alimonda; but the Venetians won the next six boards, Trieste doing all their scoring at the tail.

Denmark.—At the sixteenth congress of the Danish "Skakunion," at Aarhus in May, the first place in the master class was taken by Erik Andersen (Copenhagen), A. Kier (Aarhus) being second, and J. Giersing (Copenhagen), third.

Norway.—Petersen won first prize at the national congress at Aalborg, in which town he is resident.

Russia.—In a tournament of 18 players at Moscow, A. C. Sergeieff won with 13 points, M. Blumenfeld and S. Werlinski scoring 12 each, A. Rabinovitch 11, and Dus-Chotimirski, Selesnieff and Cholodkiewitch 10½ each.

Austria.—A small tournament of six masters in Vienna resulted as follows: A. Becker and S. R. Wolf, 3; Dr. T. Gruber and E. König, 2½; H. Müller and A. Schara, 2.

Luxemburg.—The national championship has been won by —. Ferber with a score of 5 points in 6 games.

The match of ten games up between Dr. E. Lasker and Dr. M. Vidmar is due to begin on September 20th. Of the games three are to be played at Belgrade, one at Novi Sad, two at Zagreb, and three at Ljubljana.

We have received the first three numbers of a new chess magazine published monthly in the Serbian language, at Zagreb. The editor is V. Vukovitch, and the problem department is in the hands of Dr. S. Wolf.

THE BRITISH CORRESPONDENCE CHESS ASSOCIATION.

All communications respecting these pages should be addressed to Mr. H. E. Matthews, 37 Anson Street, Monton, Eccles, Manchester. New members will be welcomed at any time and games can always be arranged for them at short notice.

Trophies Tourney Results.—Class 1a: P. A. Lawrence 1, F. W. Ffoulkes 0; W. H. Gunston $\frac{1}{2}$, L. C. G. Dewing $\frac{1}{2}$; W. H. Gunston 1, P. Lawrence 0; L. C. G. Dewing $\frac{1}{2}$, T. E. Wethers $\frac{1}{2}$. Class 1b: W. M. Bussell 1, Major E. Montague Jones 0; K. G. Jayne 1, J. D. Chambers 0; Dr. V. H. Rutherford 1, E. Parsons 0; E. Parsons 1, W. M. Bussell 0; H. W. Shardlow 1, J. D. Chambers 0; Major E. Montague Jones 1, F. F. Finch 0. Class 2a: G. F. Colborne $\frac{1}{2}$,

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1 H. Bardsley	—	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	1	—	—	1	1	—
2 S. G. Duffell	$\frac{1}{2}$	—	—	$\frac{1}{2}$	—	0	—	—	1
3 E. E. Goodwin	0	—	—	—	—	—	0	—	—
4 W. J. Gurney	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	—	0	—	1	0	1
5 A. Lesser	—	—	1	—	—	1	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	—
6 T. Roberts	—	1	—	—	0	—	—	—	—
7 Sir S. G. Shead	0	—	1	0	0	—	—	0	1
8 W. Snook	0	—	—	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	—	1	—	1
9 E. Oldfield	—	0	—	0	—	—	0	0	—

CLASS V (SECTION "A").

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
1 C. S. Burton	—	0*	—	0	—	0	0*	1	1	—
2 E. S. Davis	1	—	—	1	1	—	1	—	—	0
3 J. H. Griffin	—	—	—	—	—	0	—	—	0	0
4 R. W. Houghton	1	0	1	—	1	1	—	—	—	—
5 A. A. Kennedy	—	0	—	0	—	—	—	—	—	$\frac{1}{2}$
6 W. Lister	1	—	1	0	—	—	1	—	—	0
7 T. Palmer	1	0	—	—	—	0	—	0	—	—
8 E. Roberts	0	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—
9 R. G. Somerville	0	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	0
10 P. Rocks (junr.)	1	1	—	—	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	—	—	1	—

* By default.

A. J. Windybank $\frac{1}{2}$. Class 2b: F. E. Ward 1, T. L. Redfern 0 (by default); H. A. Clarke 1, T. L. Redfern 0 (by default). Class 3a: Sir S. G. Shead 1, E. E. Goodwin 0; Sir S. G. Shead 1, E. Oldfield 0; W. J. Gurney 1, E. Oldfield 0; W. Snook 1, Sir S. G. Shead 0; H. Bardsley 1, W. J. Gurney 0; H. Bardsley 1, W. Snook 0. Class 3b: A. P. White $\frac{1}{2}$, C. S. Pindar $\frac{1}{2}$; J. L. Rynders 1, H. C. Godfrey 0; P. Armitage 1, J. L. Rynders 0; J. L. Rynders 1, A. P. White 0; H. C. Godfrey 1, J. Moore 0; H. C. Godfrey 1, Rev. A. H.

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Knock-out Tourney Results.—*First Tourney* : Section K H. D. Terry beat A. Schofield (junr.). *Second Tourney* : Section E A. R. Gale beat A. R. Cave ; Section F, W. H. Jones beat T. Palmer ; Section F, H. Bardsley beat W. H. Jones ; Section B, R. W. Houghton beat F. E. Ward. In the first round proper of the Second Tourney E. Fairclough has beaten E. Behrndt.

It is with much regret that we announce that pressure of business and considerations of health compel us to relinquish, for a year or two at least, our offices in connection with the Association. We would be glad to hear from any member who is prepared to fill the vacancies. By the nature of the posts, he must be one who will welcome the regular visits of the postman, must possess a certain amount of leisure, and what is most necessary of all, be filled with enthusiasm for the work. It might be possible to separate the duties of hon. secretary and treasurer from those of editor of the magazine, and volunteers for each would be welcome.

OBITUARY.

The death occurred on June 15th of the famous chess master, Richard Teichmann, in a Berlin hospital, after an illness of four months. Born at Altenburg on December 24th, 1868, and completing his education at Berlin and Jena, he won the championship of Berlin in 1891. In 1894 he made his *début* in master tournaments at Leipzig, taking third prize. His subsequent success included : *eq.* seventh, Hastings, 1895 ; fourth, Monte Carlo, 1902 ; fifth, Monte Carlo, 1903 ; fifth, Ostend, 1905 ; *eq.* fourth, Ostend, 1906 ; sixth, Ostend, first, Berlin, and *eq.* seventh, Carlsbad, 1907 ; fifth, Vienna and fifth, Prague, 1908 ; sixth, St. Petersburg, 1909 ; *eq.* fifth, Hamburg, 1910 ; first, Carlsbad, 1911 ; sixth, Postyen, and third, Breslau, 1912. In various other tournaments he did less well, generally through the handicap of ill-health. He won matches against Mieses (1895), Lee (1898 and 1901), Napier (1905), Bardeleben (1909), Taubenhaus (1911), and Spielmann (1914).

In 1892 Teichmann came to England to reside for many years, entering at Hastings, indeed, as an English representative. He was, it was said at the time of the War, suspected in Germany of being too English in sympathies. We do not know whether this was true ; but he resided in Switzerland during the war years.

GAME DEPARTMENT.

GAME NO. 5,410.

Played in the fifth round at Marienbad, May 26th. Notes specially contributed by Dr. S. G. Tartakover.

Queen's Pawn.

WHITE
C. TORRE

BLACK
E. GRÜNFELD

1 P—Q 4
2 Kt—K B 3

1 P—Q 4
2 P—Q B 3

.....Avoiding 2... Kt—K B 3; 3 P—B 4, leading to the orthodox defence. But White's next move suddenly gives the game a very decided character.

3 B—B 4!
4 P—K 3

3 Kt—B 3
4 Q—Kt 3

.....Not wishing either to shut in his Q B by P—K 3, or to lose a tempo by P—B 4, or lastly to weaken his Q side by B—B 4, Black decides on another line of development, which is admissible in this opening, though when it is carried as far as the win of the Q Kt P it leads to disaster.

5 B—Q 3
6 Q Kt—Q 2
7 Castles

5 Q×Q Kt P
6 Q—Kt 3
7 P—K 3

.....The Q B must remain at home, for if B—B 4 then 8 R—Kt 1, winning Black's Q Kt P.

8 P—K 4! 8 P×P

.....This opens the game too much. Preferable was 8... B—K 2.

9 Kt×P
10 B×Kt
11 Q—K 2
12 B—Q 3
13 B—K 5

9 Kt×Kt
10 Kt—Q 2
11 Kt—B 3
12 B—K 2
13 Castles

.....Enabling a combination of all the White pieces against himself. Perhaps the strategic retreat 13... Q—Q 1 and if 14 Q R—Kt 1, P—Q Kt 3, would have presented a better defensive array.

14 Kt—Kt 5! 14 P—Kt 3

.....Owing to the premature Castling 14... P—K R 3 would be

bad, White answering with 15 B×Kt and 16 Kt—R 7. But now a definite weakness is established and the attack begins.

15 P—K R 4 15 Q—Q 1
16 Q R—Kt 1 16 Kt—Q 2
17 B—K B 4

If 17 Kt×R P, Kt×B!

18 K R—Q 1 18 Kt—Kt 3

.....Not a commendable withdrawal of the Kt from the defence of the K side. P—Kt 3 was better.

19 P—B 4! 19 B—Q 2

.....If B×P, then 20 Kt×R P.

20 R—Kt 3 20 R—B 1
21 B—K 4 21 P—K R 3
22 Kt—B 3 22 B—Kt 2
23 B—Q 6 23 P—K B 4
24 B—B 2

Much more effective than the win of the Exchange.

24 R—K B 2
25 Kt—K 5 25 B×Kt
26 B×B 26 K—R 2
27 R—K Kt 3

The dynamic force of the White Rooks in this game is remarkable.

27 Q—K 2
28 R—Kt 1 28 P—B 4
29 B—Q 3 29 B—B 3

.....P×P is indispensable.

(See Diagram)

30 P—Q 5 30 P×P
31 R×P

Fate! Grünfeld, beaten by the young Mexican at Baden-Baden in 14 moves, has no more success

in the return game. The text-move is magnificent! If $K \times R$, then 32 $Q-Kt 4$ ch, $K-R 2$; 33 $B \times P$ ch, $R \times B$; 34 $Q \times R$ ch, $K-Kt 1$; 35 $B-B 6$, winning the Q .

31 $R-K Kt 1$
32 $K \times R$
33 $R \times B$

.....A hard necessity—winning material to lose the game!

34 $Q-Kt 4$ ch 34 $R-Kt 4$
35 $P \times R$ 35 $Q \times B$
36 $P \times P$ dis ch 36 $K-R 2$
37 $R-Kt 3$

See the note on White's 27th move.

37 $B-Q 2$
38 $Q-R 4$ 38 $Q-K 8$ ch
39 $K-R 2$ 39 $Q-K 5$
40 $Q-B 6$ 40 $Q-Kt 3$
41 $Q-K 7$ ch 41 $K-R 1$

.....If $K \times P$, then 42 $R-K B 3$ forces the win.

42 $Q-B 8$ ch 42 $K-R 2$
43 $Q-K 7$ ch 43 $K-R 1$
44 $R-K 3!$ 44 $Q \times R P$ ch
45 $K-Kt 1$ 45 $Q-Kt 2$
46 $Q-Q 8$ ch 46 $Q-Kt 1$
47 $Q-B 6$ ch 47 $Q-Kt 2$
48 $Q-B 4!$ 48 $B-Kt 5$

.....A sop to the raging dog! If 48... $Kt \times P$, then 49 $R-K Kt 3$ encloses the Black King in a mating net.

49 $R-K Kt 3$

Simplest. 49 $R-K 8$ ch, $K-R 2$; 50 $Q-R 2$ ch, $K-Kt 3$; 51 $Q-Q 6$ ch, $K-Kt 4$ would lead to no immediate result. But 49 $R-K 5$, threatening $R-Kt 5$, deserved consideration.

49 $Kt \times P$
50 $Q-R 8$ ch
51 $Q-K 4$
52 $Kt \times Q$

.....Black has staved off mate, but at too great a price. His Pawns will fall one by one, while White's will decide the game.

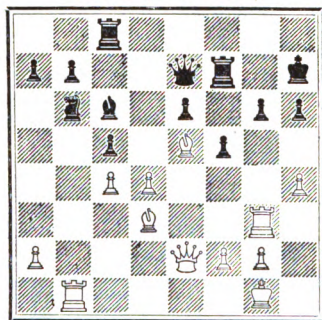
53 $R-Kt 5$ 53 $Kt-Q 6$
54 $R \times P$ 54 $P-B 5$
55 $R-Q 8$ ch 55 $K-Kt 2$
56 $R-Q 7$ ch 56 $K-B 3$
57 $R \times P$ 57 $P-R 4$
58 $R-B 7$ 58 $Kt-Kt 7$
59 $R-B 5!$

Cutting Black's King off.

59 $P-R 5$
60 $K-K 3$
61 $K-Q 3$
62 $K-K 3$
63 $P-R 6$
64 $K-B 4$
65 $K-Kt 3$
66 $K-Kt 2$
67 Resigns

Position after 29... $B-B 3$.

BLACK (GRÜNFELD)



WHITE (TORRE)

GAME NO. 5411.

Played in the tournament at Baden-Baden. Notes by M. E. Goldstein.

Queen's Gambit Declined.

WHITE
E. D. BOGOLJUBOFF
1 $P-Q 4$
2 $P-Q B 4$

BLACK
Sir G. A. THOMAS
1 $Kt-K B 3$
2 $P-K 3$

3 $Kt-K B 3$
4 $Kt-B 3$
5 $P-K 3$
6 $B-Q 3$
3 $P-Q 4$
4 $P-B 3$
5 $Q Kt-Q 2$
6 $P \times P$

.....Rubinstein introduced this and the following moves of Black against Grünfeld at Meran in 1924. The older move 6..., B—Q 3 yields White an immediate advantage by 7 P—K 4!

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| 7 B×B P | 7 P—Q Kt 4 |
| 8 B—Q 3 | 8 P—Q R 3 |
| 9 P—K 4 | |

Against the routine move, 9 Castles, Black obtains an excellent development by 9..., P—B 4; if 10 P—Q R 4, P—Kt 5; 11 Kt—K 4, B—Kt 2, as was shown in the Meran and New York tournaments last year.

9 P—B 4

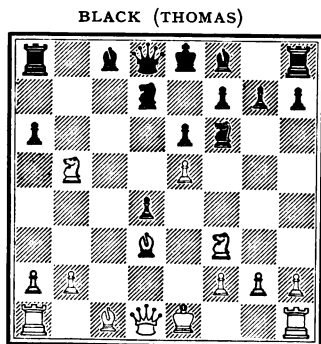
.....Rosselli tried B—Kt 2 against E. Rabinovitch in a later round at Baden-Baden, but lost speedily after 10 P—K 5, Kt—Q 4; 11 Kt×Kt, B P×Kt; 12 Castles, owing to inability to develop his Q B effectively.

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| 10 P—K 5 | 10 P×P |
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.....This move was considered an adequate reply to 9 P—K 4, but White's next move, first adopted in a tournament at Moscow in December by Blumenfeld against A. Rabinovitch, appears to discredit the value of the whole variation for Black. If 10..., Kt—Q 4; 11 Kt×Kt, P×Kt; 12 P—Q R 4! P—B 5; 13 B—B 2 or B—B 5, and Black cannot Castle without being subjected to an irresistible attack.

- 11 Q Kt×P!

Position after 11 Q Kt×P!



WHITE (BOGOLJUBOFF)

11 P×Kt

.....In the game cited in the foregoing note the continuation was 11..., Kt—Kt 5; 12 Q—R 4! Q—Kt 3; 13 P—K R 3, B—Kt 2; 14 P×Kt, P×Kt; 15 Q×Q P with advantage to White. Black's best line seems to be 11..., Kt×P; 12 Kt×Kt, P×Kt; 13 B×P ch, B—Q 2; 14 B×B ch (if 14 Kt×B, Q—R 4 ch!), Kt×B; 15 Kt×Kt, B—Kt 5 ch (or 15..., Q×Kt; 16 Castles, B—B 4; 17 Q—Q 3 followed by B—Q 2 and P—Q Kt 4); 16 B—Q 2, B×B ch; 17 Q×B, Q×Kt, but after 18 Castles, the advance of White's passed Queen side Pawns must soon decide the issue in his favour. It is interesting to note that White cannot play to win a Pawn on his 15th move by 15 Kt—B 6, Q—Kt 3; 16 Kt×P, B—Kt 5 ch! 17 K—B 1, Castles (K R) (or B—B 4, recovering the Pawn immediately); nor by 15 Q×P, Kt×Kt; 16 Q×Kt, B—Kt 5 ch, Black in both cases obtaining an attack worth more than a Pawn.

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| 12 P×Kt | 12 P—K 4 |
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.....If 12..., P×P (12 Q×P? 13 B—Kt 5 wins the Queen); 13 Kt×P, P—Kt 5, Black has a hopeless game, being unable to Castle owing to his shattered King side, and his weak Q Kt P requiring constant protection. But even as played, the Q Kt P must fall in the long run.

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| 13 P×P | 13 B×P |
| 14 Q—K 2 | |

Preventing Black from Castling (on account of Q—K 4), and also winning the Q Kt P, which could not be taken immediately on account of Q—R 4 ch.

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| | 14 Q—K 2 |
| 15 Castles | 15 B—Kt 2 |
| 16 R—K 1 | 16 Q—Q 3 |
| 17 Kt—R 4! | |

After this Black's game is lost, for he still cannot Castle, owing to 18 Kt—B 5, Q—K B 3; 19 Q—Kt 4, K—R 1; 20 B—Kt 5, Q—K Kt 3; 21 Kt×B, Q×Kt; 22 Q×Kt. Bogoljuboff displays his customary energy in concluding the game, which affords

an object lesson in the art of winning a won game.

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| 18 Kt—B 5 | 17 K—B 1 |
| 19 B—Q 2 | 18 Q—K B 3 |
| 20 Q—Kt 4 | 19 R—K 1 |
| 21 Q—R 3 | 20 P—R 4 |
| 22 B×P | 21 B—Q 4 |
| 23 Q—R 3 ch | 22 B—K 3 |
| 24 Kt—Q 6 | 23 K—Kt 1 |
| | 24 R—Q 1 |

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| 25 Kt—K 4 | 25 Q—Kt 3 |
| 26 Q—K 7 | 26 R—R 1 |
| 27 B×Kt | 27 B—B 1 |
| 28 Q—Kt 5 | 28 Q×Q |
| 29 B×Q | 29 Resigns |

.....For after B×B White remains a piece to the good with 30 Kt—B 6 ch. From the point of view of the defence to the Queen's Gambit Declined the game is of great theoretical importance.

GAME NO. 5,412.

Played in the quadrangular tournament at Wiesbaden (see p. 272, June). Notes by J. H. Blake.

Queen's Pawn Irregular.

- | WHITE | BLACK |
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| F. SÄMISCH | M. EUWE |
| 1 P—Q 4 | 1 Kt—K B 3 |
| 2 P—Q B 4 | 2 P—K Kt 3 |
| 3 Kt—Q B 3 | 3 B—Kt 2 |
| 4 P—K 4 | 4 P—Q 3 |
| 5 P—K B 4 | 5 Castles |
| 6 Kt—K B 3 | |

M.C.O. gives 6 B—K 2.

6 P—Q B 4

.....In the New York tournament game Alekhine *v.* Ed. Lasker, 6..., P—K 4 was played, and was hailed as an improvement upon moves previously tried in the position; in fact, however, it was not new, having been adopted in a City of London championship game, Sir G. A. Thomas *v.* R. C. J. Walker, published in 1923. The text-move is certainly weak.

7 P—Q 5

For White could gain an immediate advantage in position by 7 P×P, P×P; 8 Q×Q, R×Q; 9 Kt—Q 5.

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| 8 B—Q 3 | 7 P—K 3 |
| 9 B P×P | 8 K P×P |
| 10 Kt—Q 2 | 9 Q—Kt 3 |
| 11 Kt—B 4 | 10 Kt—Kt 5 |
| 12 B—K 2 | 11 Q—Q 1 |

This hampers his Queen and hinders Castling. 12 Q—B 3, suggested by Rubinstein, would admit of 13 P—K R 3, and Castling immediately after.

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| 13 Kt—Kt 5 | 12 P—K R 4 |
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A premature attack; Black's reply was apparently unlooked for. 13 Q—Q 3 was better.

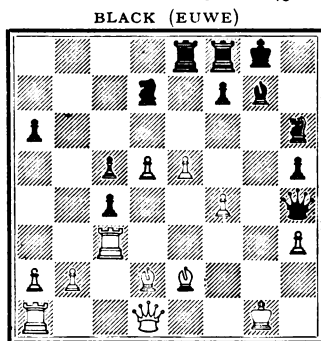
13 P—Q R 3

14 Q Kt×P

And this loses a piece; the Knight must retreat.

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| 15 Kt×B | 14 P—Q Kt 4 |
| 16 P—K 5 | 15 P×Kt |
| 17 P—K R 3 | 16 Q×Kt |
| 18 P—K Kt 4 | 17 Kt—R 3 |
| 19 P×P | 18 Kt—Q 2 |
| 20 Castles | 19 Q—Q 1 |
| 21 R—B 3 | 20 Q—R 5 |
| 22 R—Q B 3 | 21 P×P |
| 23 B—Q 2 | 22 Q R—K 1 |

Position after 23 B—Q 2.



WHITE (SÄMISCH)

23 Kt×P!

.....By giving back the piece he leaves White with a broken position and little power of resistance.

24 P×Kt

25 B—K 1

26 P—Q 6

24 R×P

25 Q—K 2

26 Q—K 3

27 B—B 1

28 R—Kt 3

29 K—Kt 2

30 R×R ch

31 Resigns

27 R—Kt 4 ch

28 Q—K 6 ch

29 B—Q 5

30 Q×R ch

Mate is forced; if 31 K—B 3, Q—K 6 ch; 32 K—Kt 2, Q—Kt 8 ch; 33 K—B 3, Q×B ch, etc.

GAME NO. 5,413.

Played in the championship tournament of the Los Angeles Club. Notes by J.H.B.

Petroff's Defence.

WHITE

S. MŁOTKOWSKI

BLACK

F. SCHRADER

1 P—K 4

2 Kt—K B 3

3 P—Q 4

4 B—Q 3

5 Kt×P

.....5... B—Q 3 has the weight of opinion in its favour.

6 Kt—Q 2

M. C. O. gives 6 Castles, Castles; 7 P—Q B 4; the *Handbuch* 7 R—K 1. The text-move is a bantling of Mr. Mlotkowski's, in reply to which Black would have done better either to exchange the Knight, or retreat it to K B 3, where it adequately protects the King's side.

7 Q—B 3

8 Kt—Kt 3

.....8... Kt—Q 2 is now called for; he can afterwards Castle safely.

9 Q—R 5 ch

9... Kt—B 5 first is much stronger; the answer, says Mr. Mlotkowski, is ... Q—B 1. Well and good; but then follows 10 Q—R 5 ch, Kt—B 2; 11 Kt×B, and Black cannot reply ... Q×Kt without losing a piece by 12 B—B 5; whilst if 11... P×Kt; 12 Kt×Kt P ch and 13 B—B 5 is quite as serious.

10 Kt×Kt

9 Kt—B 2

10 B×Kt

1 P—K 4

2 Kt—K B 3

3 Kt×P

4 P—Q 4

5 B—K 2

11 Q—Kt 4

.....Making a bad "hole" in his position, whereas ... P—K Kt 3 leaves him a playable game.

12 B—Q 2

13 Q—K 2

14 P—Q B 3

15 B—B 5

11 P—K Kt 4

.....Making a bad "hole" in his position, whereas ... P—K Kt 3 leaves him a playable game.

12 P—K R 4

13 Kt—B 3

14 Q—Q 3

15 P—Kt 3

.....As Mr. Mlotkowski points out, 15... Kt—Q 1 has better prospects.

16 Castles Q R

17 P—K R 4

18 Kt—R 1

16 P—Q R 4

17 P—R 5

18 K—Q 1

.....A very uncomfortable way to guard the threatened Pawn, but if 18... P—Kt 5 then 19 P—K Kt 3 and 20 B—B 4.

19 Q R—K 1

.....To forestall White's threat of 20 P—K Kt 4, but the Rook had better have gone at once to K 1. Clock pressure is accountable for his next move, after which he has to retrace his steps owing to White's threat of Kt—K 3 followed by B moves and Kt—B 5.

20 P—K Kt 3

21 Kt—B 2

22 Kt—R 3

23 P—K Kt 4

20 R—Kt 2 ?

21 R—K Kt 1

22 Kt—R 2

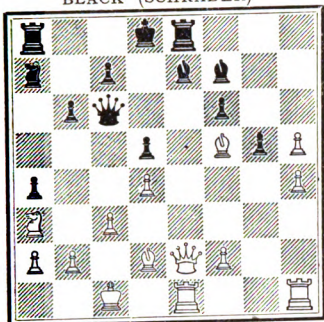
23 R—K 1

.....If 23... R P×P; 24 P×P, P×P; 25 R—R 7, R—K B 1 (if ... Q—B 3; 26 R×B, Q×R; 27 B—K 6, Q moves;

28 B×R wins); 26 Q—R 6,
Q—Q B 3; 27 R×K B, R×R;
28 B×P ch, K—K 1; 29 R—
R 6 and wins.

24 P×R P 24 Q—B 3
Position after 24., Q—B 3.

BLACK (SCHRADER)



WHITE (MLOTKOWSKI)

25 P—R 6!

The sealed move on adjournment, and a winning one.

25 B×Kt

....Black's best appears to be 25., B—B 1; then follows 26 P×P!, R×Q; 27 R×R, Kt—B 1; 28 P—R 7, B—Kt 2; 29 P Queens, B×Q; 30 R×B ch B—K 1; 31 P×P, Kt—Q 3, 32 B—Kt 6 and wins.

26 Q×R ch! 26 Q×Q

.....For if 26., B×Q; 27 P—R 7, B—K 2; 28 P Queens, and wins.

27 R×Q ch 27 K×R
28 P—R 7 28 K—K 2
29 P×P 29 R—R 1
30 P×B 30 Resigns

GAME No. 5,414.

Played in the Baden-Baden tournament. Notes by J.H.B.

Dutch Defence (in effect).

WHITE

BLACK

E. GRÜNFELD

C. TORRE

1 P—Q 4 1 P—K 3
2 Kt—K B 3 2 P—K B 4
3 P—K Kt 3 3 Kt—K B 3
4 B—Kt 2 4 P—Q 4
5 Castles 5 B—Q 3
6 P—B 4 6 P—B 3
7 Q—B 2

M.C.O. proposes here 7 P—
Kt 3 or 7 Kt—B 3.

8 P—Kt 3 7 Castles
9 B—Kt 2 8 Kt—K 5
10 Kt—K 5 9 Q Kt—Q 2
11 P—B 3 10 Q—B 3

Position after 11 P—B 3.

(See Diagram)

11 Kt×Kt

.....If 11., Kt—Kt 4; 12 P—B 4, Kt—K 5; 13 Kt—Q 2, and White has gained a move.

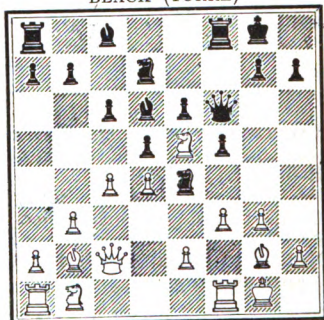
12 Q P×Kt

Not 12 B P×Kt because of 12., Kt—Kt 5! But the text-move is a tragedy of over-confidence. White sees that if 12., B×P; 13 B×B, Q×B, he can

continue 14 P×Kt, and his Rook cannot be taken except at cost of the Black Queen; also that after the check with Bishop Black must surrender another minor piece; but fails to find the snare concealed behind one or other of these facts. His right course was 12 P—B 5, leaving three Black pieces *en prise*, and ensuring superiority of either force or position; Black would in fact have no good reply.

12 B—B 4 ch
13 K—R 1 13 Kt×P ch!
14 Resigns

BLACK (TORRE)



WHITE (GRÜNFELD)

GAME No. 5,415.

Played in a Berlin Club match. *French Defence.*

WHITE		BLACK		WHITE		BLACK	
F. SÄMISCH		— HERZOG		F. SÄMISCH		— HERZOG	
1	P—Q 4		P—K 3	19	R—Kt 3		K—R 1
2	P—K 4		P—Q 4	20	P—Q 5		K P×P
3	Kt—Q B 3		P—Q B 3 ?	21	Kt—Q 7 !		Q R×Kt
4	Kt—B 3		Kt—Q 2	22	Q×P ch !		P×Q
5	B—Q 3		B—K 2	23	B×Kt ch		B—Kt 2
6	Castles		P×P	24	R×B		R—K 5
7	Kt×P		K Kt—B 3	25	R—Kt 4 ch		K—R 2
8	Q—K 2		Kt×Kt	26	P—B 3		P—K R 4
9	Q×Kt		Kt—B 3	27	R—Kt 7 ch		K—R 3
10	Q—K 2		Castles	28	P×R		P×BP
11	P—B 4		P—K R 3 ?	29	B—Kt 1		P—Kt 4
12	B—Q 2		R—K 1	30	P—K 5		R—Q 6
13	B—B 3		P—Q Kt 3	31	P—K 6 !		Q—Kt 3 ch
14	Kt—K 5		B—Kt 2	32	K—R 1		P×P
15	Q R—K 1		B—K B 1	33	B×R		P×B
16	Q—B 3		Q—B 2	34	R—Q 7		P—B 4
17	Q—R 3		Q R—Q 1	35	B—Q 8		B×P ch
18	R—K 3		R—K 2 ?	36	K—Kt 1		Resigns

GAME No. 5,416.

Played in a Russian tournament. *Queen's Gambit Declined.*

WHITE		BLACK		WHITE		BLACK	
— GAEVSKY		— SOROKIN		— GAEVSKY		— SOROKIN	
1	P—Q 4		P—Q 4	19	P—K 4		B P×P
2	P—Q B 4		P—Q B 3	20	P×P		Kt—Kt 5
3	P—K 3		P—K 3	21	Q R—K 1		R—B 7 ch
4	Kt—K B 3		Q Kt—Q 2	22	K—Kt 1		Q—K B 2
5	Q Kt—Q 2		P—K B 4	23	P—K 5		Kt—R 5 !
6	B—Q 3		Q—B 3	24	P×Kt		R—Kt 7 ch
7	Q—B 2		B—Q 3	25	K×R		Q—B 7 ch
8	P—Q Kt 3		Kt—K 2	26	K—R 3		Q×P (R 5) ch
9	B—Kt 2		Castles	27	K—Kt 2		Q—B 7 ch
10	Castles K R		P—K Kt 4	28	K—R 3		R—K B 1
11	Kt—K 1		Q—R 3	29	Kt—K 4		Q—B 6 ch
12	P—K Kt 3		Kt—B 3	30	Kt—Kt 3		Kt—B 7 ch
13	K—Kt 2		B—Q 2	31	Q×Kt		P—Kt 5 ch !
14	R—R 1		Kt—Kt 3	32	K—R 4		B—K 2 ch
15	K Kt—B 3		Kt—K 5	33	K—R 5		Q×Q
16	Kt—K 5		Q—Kt 2	34	R—K 2		Q—B 2 ch
17	Kt×B		Q×Kt	35	K×P		Q—B 6 ch
18	P—B 3		Kt—B 3	36	K—R 3		R—B 5
				37	Resigns		

GAME No. 5,417.

Played in a simultaneous exhibition at Chicago. *Scotch Opening.*

WHITE		BLACK		WHITE		BLACK	
ED. LASKER		W. SPARRON and L. DITTUS		ED. LASKER		W. SPARRON and L. DITTUS	
1	P—K 4		P—K 4	10	R—K 1 ch		K—B 1
2	Kt—K B 3		Kt—Q B 3	11	P—Q R 3		B×Kt
3	P—Q 4		P×P	12	P×B		P—Q 3 ?
4	Kt×P		Q—R 5	13	R—Kt 1		B—Kt 5
5	Kt—Q B 3		B—Kt 5	14	R×P		B×B ?
6	Kt×Kt		Q×K P ch	15	Q×B		P—Q 4 ?
7	B—K 2		Q×Kt ?	16	R×R P !		R×R
8	Castles		Kt—B 3	17	Q×Kt !		Resigns
9	B—B 3		Q—Q B 5				

GAME No. 5,418.

Played in the recent championship tournament of the Bath Chess Club.

Sicilian Defence.

WHITE		BLACK		WHITE		BLACK	
G. E. WAINWRIGHT		Rev. E. W. POYNTON		G. E. WAINWRIGHT		Rev. E. W. POYNTON	
1	P—K 4		P—Q B 4	22	K P×B		Q—B 2
2	Kt—K B 3		Kt—Q B 3	23	B—K R 3		B—K 2
3	B—K 2		P—K 3	24	P×P		Kt×P
4	Castles		Kt—B 3	25	B×Kt		P×B
5	Kt—B 3		P—Q 3	26	Q R—K 1		B—Q 3
6	R—K 1		B—K 2	27	B—B 5		R—K B 1
7	P—Q Kt 3		Castles	28	B—Q Kt 1		P—K B 3
8	B—Kt 2		P—Q R 3	29	R—K 4		P—K Kt 3
9	P—Q 4		P×P	30	R—K 2		R—Q 2
10	Kt×P		Q—B 2	31	Q R—B 2		Q R—B 2
11	Kt×Kt		P×Kt	32	P—K Kt 4		K—Kt 2
12	B—B 3		B—Kt 2	33	P—K R 4		Q—K 2
13	Kt—R 4		P—K 4	34	R—Kt 2		K—R 1
14	P—Q B 4		P—B 4	35	Q—R 6		R—Kt 2
15	Q—Q 2		B—B 3	36	P—R 5		P—K B 4
16	Kt—Q B 3		K R—K 1	37	Kt P×P		P×B P
17	P—K Kt 3		Q—Kt 2	38	Q×R ch		Q×Q
18	B—Kt 2		Q R—Q 1	39	R×Q		K×R
19	P—K B 4		B—B 1	40	B×P		K—R 3
20	Kt—Q 5		Kt—Q 2	41	B—Kt 4		R×R ch
21	K R—K B 1		B×Kt	42	K×R		K—Kt 4

Drawn game

PROBLEM WORLD.

BY B. G. LAWS AND G. W. CHANDLER.

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B.C.P.S. SOLVING TOURNEY.

Additional solutions to the March problems were received from N. V. Joshi (India) and V. J. A. Russ, each 60 points. Solutions to the April problems were received from F. R. Adcock and C. S. Johnson (94 points), C. Folley (79), the Rev. E. W. Poynton (68), A. H. Haddy, J. Leishman, J. A. Lewis, J. Mackintosh and N. V. Joshi (53).

The maximum obtainable was 344 points, and the final scores are as follows :—

First prize, F. R. Adcock (328) ; second prize, G. S. Johnson (314) ; third prize, C. Folley (310) ; special prizes, Rev. E. W. Poynton (303) and A. H. Haddy (301).

The only other solvers to stay the full course were : J. A. Lewis (223), N. V. Joshi (213), J. Leishman (207), and J. Mackintosh (183).

Owing to the unsoundness of several of the problems this Tourney has proved a much more exacting one than was intended, for it has always been the Society's aim to make its tourneys enjoyable rather than laborious. The winner is to be congratulated on a fine perform-

ance, and his solutions were models of brevity, as were those of Mr. C. Folley. Mr. A. H. Haddy deserves special mention as the only solver to send both solutions to No. 8.

Provided no adverse claims are substantiated the prizes will be sent out towards the end of this month.

THE PHILOSOPHY OF THE CHESS PROBLEM.

A COMPARISON WITH MATHEMATICS.

Mathematicians are concerned with the relationships that subsist between two or more propositions, and more particularly with that type of relation between two propositions when from the truth of the first we can infer the truth of the second. Modern mathematical philosophers (notably Bertrand Russell) are almost all agreed that their science can demonstrate and deal only with relationships between certain truths: thus the conclusions and demonstrations of Pure Mathematics do not necessarily refer to any aspect of "things-as-they-are," nor to the "real world" of the physicist. If such is the case, THEN..... But the truth of this inference in no way depends upon the truth of the first proposition: *e.g.*, it does not matter a straw whether I really have a sister Mary or not; we do know, however, that if I have a sister Mary, then she must have a brother *me*.

Let us agree, therefore, upon certain definitions of points, lines, circles and the rest—in short, on Euclidean Space—and then if we *are* agreed, we may investigate the properties and peculiarities of this Space, and discover many facts about its nature. For example, the familiar truth about a right-angled triangle, discovered by Pythagoras, not only applies to all right-angled triangles, but seems to follow from the very nature and structure of any such triangle we care to imagine. And this is quite independent of the question whether such a triangle really exists or could exist: in other words, the truth of the proposition *for us* depends upon whether we accept certain abstract conventions and limitations without which we can prove nothing—create nothing.

Now that branch of mathematics to which Chess as a whole bears the closest analogy is Geometry; but what about Arithmetic and Algebra? Arithmetic, as compared with Algebra is a very limited science, enslaved as it is to the exigencies of the actual world: it is essentially utilitarian, dealing only with the manipulation of numbers for practical purposes. But directly we use Algebra, we are in the realm of the Ideal—the World of Pure Reason, and as Mr. Russell remarks somewhere: "... the world of pure reason knows no compromise, no practical limitations, no barrier to the creative ability embodying in splendid edifices the passionate aspiration after the perfect form from which all great work springs."

The orthodox Game of Chess is (in comparison with the Problem Art) cramped, narrow and confined, enslaved to the necessity of

“winning.” But in the world of the Chess Problem we find *all* the possibilities of orthodox chess-strategy worth investigating for their own sake ; we are freed from all the petty restrictions of the game and we thus have full scope for our creative ability just as in the world of Pure Mathematics. In the latter field, the orthodox conceptions (of Time and Space) have been greatly disturbed within recent years by a body of doctrines known as the theory of Relativity, whose chief exponent is Einstein : similarly the orthodox conceptions of Chess Strategy have been revolutionised in recent years by the doctrines and discoveries of Mr. T. R. Dawson and his school. Mr. Dawson’s theory of a “generalised chess-board” embodying every conceivable possibility of movement in a conventional “mesh-system” would thus free us completely from all the rigid limitations of current orthodoxy and would make chess even more mathematical than it is already. We need not even postulate that our “mesh-system” be two-dimensional : we can investigate the possibilities of three-dimensional chess—Chess in Space !.....

But let us return to our comparison of chess problems with theoretical geometry ; before either can be understood or enjoyed it is necessary to formulate certain conventions (or “Axioms”) ; for example, in geometry we have to define the nature of the space concerned and in chess to agree upon some multi-dimensional “mesh-system”—the board. This being done, we can experiment, elaborate, and eventually write monumental treatises upon the new set of relationships we have called into being.

The chief characteristic of all mathematical propositions is their consistency : they are each parts of some greater whole—an interdependent network of facts that imply one another.

In this way can a chess problem be likened to a proposition in geometry : in both we start with some figure or diagram and from it by a process exact and logical we deduce some truth inherent in it—something not immediately obvious, such as that triangle ABC is equal to triangle XYZ in geometry ; or that White by *one* certain series of moves checkmates the Black King, in a chess problem. As in geometry the reasoning is governed by certain strict laws and canons, so in chess we have to conform to laws equally strict, which we call the “Rules of the Game.” If at any stage of the discussion we consider that Euclid’s logic is faulty or that there is some link in the chain of his argument that we cannot accept we are entitled to regard his alleged proof as void and false : similarly, in a chess problem, if there exist any flaw in the process whereby its composer seeks to convince us of such a truth as that “White mates in three moves, in one way only,” we say that it is unsound.

In mathematical and indeed all scientific thinking there is a desire for simplicity—to account for things in the most direct way possible, though it is seldom more than a desire, for the facts often turn out to be much more complex than we had anticipated ; nevertheless this craving for the simple is very important and can be stated as the Law of Parsimony, *viz.* : “If two hypotheses each

account equally for all the facts, the *simpler* one (*i.e.*, that which makes fewest assumptions) is to be preferred to the more complex." This is very well paralleled in the chess problem by the Law of Economy which demands that the minimum possible force, proportionate to the complexity of the effects aimed at, shall always be used. This again is rather an ideal than actual law, as the technical difficulties inherent in a theme often preclude the possibility of absolute economy. We have said that each separate mathematical truth is but a part of some larger whole ; and that whole is the vast edifice of mathematical truth itself : so we may say that each new chess position is not a mere ephemeral creation interesting only for the moment, but is intimately related to all the other positions latent, so to speak, in the chess board, just as the Greeks imagined that all beautiful figures lay hidden in the marble which the sculptor by his skill did but reveal to mortal gaze. So the chess problem composer is he who can extract, as it were, some fresh truth from the great edifice of all possible truths ; he is essentially a discoverer and a selector of the best, for as we all know there is all the difference in the world between a good chess problem and an "arrangement of the pieces" fulfilling the same conditions.

So far we have been discussing this subject from the purely intellectual point of view, but it is, of course, a matter of experience that we do more than merely understand our problems : we also enjoy them. In other words they appeal to our aesthetic faculty : we speak of "a beautiful combination," "an artistic composition"—we can appreciate fine craftsmanship. Here we enter the realm of values in which the mathematical aspect is of secondary importance. Considered from the point of view of artistic expression, the chess board is, to an outsider an astonishingly abstract medium : it can picture no emotions, appeals with no subtilities to the senses ; it is a world apart, cramped, limited and confined, yet with inexhaustible possibilities ; perhaps a little less abstract than pure mathematics, more abstract than music. The truths of mathematics have a beauty of their own—an austere restrained beauty, cold and clear and precise, a beauty that easily dispenses with pretty frills and ornaments and gaudy appeals to the emotions—a passionless beauty constant and serene, that seems almost to be a part of the eternal nature of things.

Who will deny to chess problems in their humble sphere a beauty comparable with this ?

B. J. DE C. ANDRADE.

The paper, "Chess Problem Solos," which B. G. Laws read before the British Chess Problem Society on 20th February last, was repeated at the Christ Church Club, Brighton, on Saturday, 9th May: Mr. C. H. Brockelbank undertook the work. Councillor Tindall took the chair and from reports received the paper was much enjoyed. Mr. H. W. Butler, the founder of the Sussex Chess Problem Fraternity, which subsequently was merged in the B.C.P.S. gave enthusiastic assistance and whipped up a good attendance. The *Sussex Daily News* remarks that Mr. Brockelbank "lucidly explained" the positions exhibited.

ECONOMY IN THE SELF-MATE CHESS PROBLEM.

By D. G. McINTYRE (Cape Town, S.A.).

Recently there has arisen some discussion anent the subject of the economical use of force, and more particularly Black force, in self-mates. Thus in the preamble to the award in the lately concluded International Three-move Self-mate Tourney of the British Chess Problem Society, the judges, Messrs. Dawson and Laws remark:—

"It is true that the relation to the economical use of Black men is not so important as that of White, but we have felt . . . that a system which deploys straggling Black pieces at all points of the compass, each of which makes a solitary raid into play is not an ideal *form* of construction and technique."

Commenting on this in the *B.C.M.* for November, your contributor, Mr. G. F. Anderson, writes *inter alia*:—

"... the doctrine of the Economical Use of Black pieces in self-mates . . . is nothing more than this, namely, that every Black Piece in a self-mate should participate in the play and mates in all phases of the solution . . . I predict a time when the old-fashioned theories will be finally discarded, and the self-mate of the future, evolved in strict obedience to the economic laws described above will contain but three or four Black pieces in addition to the Black King each of which will give a different model mate in as many different variations. The self-mate as regards economy will then be on a par with its brother, the Bohemian three-er."

Mr. Anderson seems to me somewhat to over-stress the importance of economical handling of the Black force and it is well to bear in mind the dictum of Dr. C. Panck and Mr. J. W. Allen in their classic award in the great *Norwich Mercury* tournament of 1908-10 (the italics are mine):—

"... one is inevitably forced to consider the still unsettled question as to how exactly, purity and economy are to be estimated in a self-mate. *The judges consider that the attitude of the White pieces towards Black's King on White's final move is more important than the bearing of the Black force on White's King in the actual mate.*"

The whole question of economy in the self-mate as contrasted with direct-mate economy bristles with analogies and antitheses, and is perhaps of sufficient interest to warrant some inroad upon your space.

II.

In considering self-mate economy the great fundamental of self-mate strategy must always be borne in mind: in a self-mate the composer is confronted with the simultaneous and incessant control of *both* Kings. Consequently the laws governing direct-mate compositions, where the control of the Black King is the sole concern, cannot hold in the self-mate, or, at best, can only be applied after considerable pruning in some directions and amplification in others

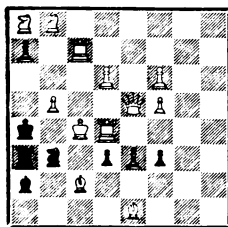
The easiest way to emphasise the difficulty of truly assessing economy in the self-mate is to take a problem of some complexity, and critically examine its variations. The obvious reason that these may be contrasted to their mutual disparagement has led me to select a composition of my own. As the laxity in economy the modern direct-move two-er is also often prevalent (and for similar reasons) in its self-mate counterpart, preference has been given to a self-mate in three moves (No. 1).

The reader will observe there are four lines of play, two of which terminate in model-mates. Yet the threat, where the mate is not a model, is *economically* superior to either of these lines—and herein lies the basic difference as regards economy in direct and self-mate problems. For in the threat *every* piece functions either passively or actively in the course of play so do all the White Pawns bar the one captured. In the model mate lines one or more of the White pieces is an idle spectator.

No. 1.

By D. G. McINTYRE
(*A. C. White Album*,
1920-21).

BLACK (8 pieces)



WHITE (12 pieces)

Self-mate in three.

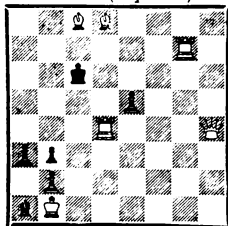
Not to labour the point, the difference between direct and self-mate economy would seem to be this: in direct mates economy is assessed solely on the final mating picture; in self-mates on the functioning of the forces *throughout* the solution.

Economy in self-mates must not, however, be confused with that other essential which runs from key to mate, namely, strategy. The line in our example following 1. . . B—Kt 8 is *strategically* superior to the threat.

To emphasise this point take Mr. Anderson's own No. 2. In this beautiful problem surely the fact that its astounding key allows Black to capture the Queen makes for a measure of economy in the threat that lends it point and finish which would otherwise be lacking.

III.

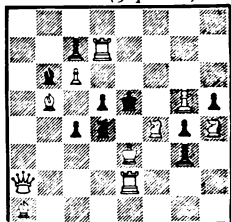
No. 3.
By D. G. McINTYRE.
BLACK (6 pieces)



WHITE (6 pieces)
Self-mate in two.

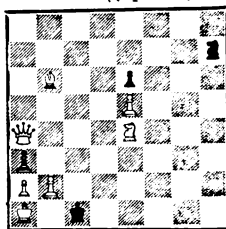
are closely akin to the extensive class of self-mates exemplifying "grab" strategy. Take No. 4, in Mr. Laws' words "a very difficult and beautiful piece of work." And what is it that makes the play so attractive? Certainly not the extermination of Black's Knight, but rather the control of the Black King on different squares by the White force economically and diversely deployed at long range. And surely the lines where the Black Knight is pinned are artistically superior to those in which he is captured, though in the former event the mate, in any case a matter of little moment, is no longer a model. This self-mate of Mr. Bull's is a masterly example of economy in true Bohemian style. Yet model mates of the nature implied by Mr. Anderson there are none.

No. 2.
By G. F. ANDERSON
(*Natal Mercury*, 1919).
BLACK (9 pieces)



WHITE (10 pieces)
Self-mate in three.

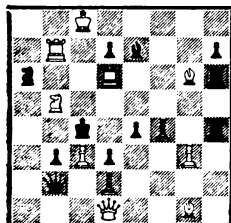
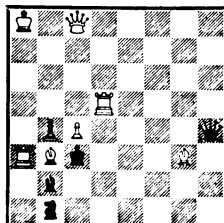
No. 4.
By C. A. L. BULL
(*Natal Mercury*, 1920).
BLACK (4 pieces)



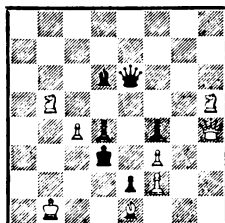
WHITE (7 pieces)
Self-mate in four.

Slovensky Narod First International Problem Tourney for three-movers. Number of entries unlimited. Joint compositions accepted. Problems to be sent on diagrams with full solutions (observing the usual motto and sealed envelope arrangements) to K. Weber, Bratislava, Leinburgova 13, Czecho-Slovakia, to reach him by 30th September next. The judge will be M. Havel, of Prague. Prizes: 500, 400, 300, 200 and 100 Czecho Crowns respectively. Result will be made known in January, 1926.

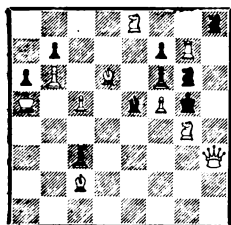
SAXON CHESS ASSOCIATION TOURNEY, 1925.

*Two-Movers.*First and Second Prize (*ex æquo*).By E. O. MARTIN.
BLACK (13 pieces)WHITE (8 pieces)
Mate in two.By Dr. E. DELPY.
BLACK (5 pieces)WHITE (7 pieces)
Mate in two.

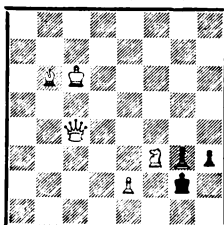
Hon. Mention.

By Dr. F. PALITZCSH.
BLACK (6 pieces)WHITE (8 pieces)
Mate in two.*Three-Movers.*

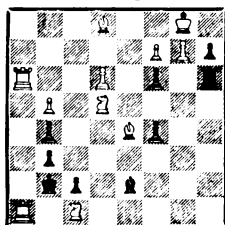
First Prize.

By Dr. G. KAISER.
BLACK (9 pieces)WHITE (10 pieces)
Mate in three.

Second Prize.

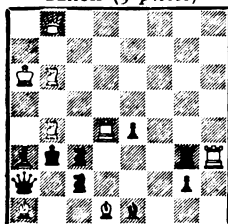
By Dr. R. LEOPOLD.
BLACK (3 pieces)WHITE (5 pieces)
Mate in three.

Third Prize.

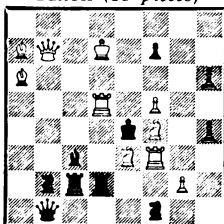
By E. O. MARTIN.
BLACK (9 pieces)WHITE (11 pieces)
Mate in three.

"L'ALFIERE DI RE" TOURNEY, 1924.

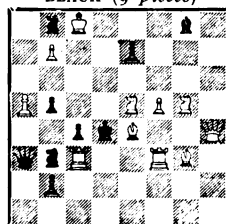
First Prize.

By C. MANSFIELD.
BLACK (9 pieces)WHITE (8 pieces)
Mate in two.

Second Prize.

By K. A. K. LARSEN.
BLACK (10 pieces)WHITE (10 pieces)
Mate in two.

Third Prize.

By A. MARI.
BLACK (9 pieces)WHITE (11 pieces)
Mate in two.

Fourth prize, A. Mari ; fifth, N. Belli ; sixth, A. Mari.

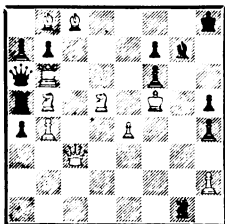
REFLEX CHESS.

This variation from ordinary Chess, or rather we should say from the accepted form of self-mate Chess, is becoming popular on the Continent due to Mr. T. R. Dawson, who holds a brief for anything and everything which is just outside the firmly fixed doctrines. The only difference between the self-mate problem and the "Reflex" is that when either party can give mate on the move, mate must be given.

By A. ELLERMAN.

(Buenos Aires).

BLACK (12 pieces)



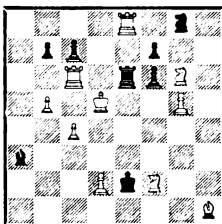
WHITE (10 pieces)

White to reflex mate in two.

By A. ELLERMAN

(Buenos Aires).

BLACK (8 pieces)



WHITE (10 pieces)

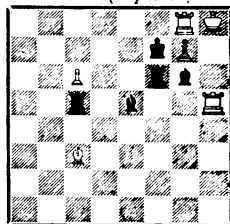
White to reflex mate in two.

By J. E. FUNK

(Altona, Manitoba).

Pittsburg Sunday Post.

BLACK (6 pieces)



WHITE (5 pieces)

White to reflex mate in two.

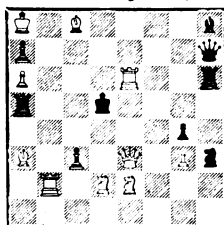
These three positions are interesting because the first is the maiden effort of Mr. Ellerman, the second most ingenious with its varied play and the third is clever on account of the thirteen continuations. We will give more illustrations of this fascinating off-shoot of problem construction when opportunity occurs.

LEIPZIGER TAGEBLATT "TOURNEY (1924—25).

1ST PRIZE

By E. BRUNNER

BLACK (9 pieces)



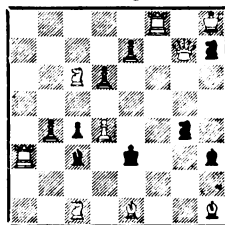
WHITE (10 pieces)

MATE IN TWO

HON. MENTION

By T. VESZ

BLACK (9 pieces)



WHITE (9 pieces)

MATE IN TWO

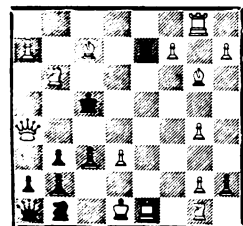
Chakhmaty announce a half-yearly competition for original end-games as well as for two- and three-move direct problems to be published from July to December of this year. Prizes: 20, 10 and 5 Roubles for end-games; 15, 10 and 5 for three-movers and 10 and 5 for two-movers. Judges: W. N. Platoff (End-games), L. B. Salkind and L. A. Issaef (Problems). Entries to be forwarded to L. A. Issaef, B. Pirogowskaja, 47—1 Moscow.

"BABSONTASK" PROBLEM CONTEST.

Entries are invited of three-move self-mates, in which the four promotions of a single Black Pawn are answered by the same four promotions of a single White Pawn. Both the Black and the White promotions must occur always on the same square. By way of example, the annexed problem by Mr. J. N. Babson is given in which the four promotions of one Black Pawn are answered by the corresponding promotions of two White Pawns. In the present contest only a single White Pawn may be used for the continuations.

By JOSEPH NEY BABSON.
American Chess Bulletin,

February, 1924.
BLACK (9 pieces)



WHITE (14 pieces)

Self-mate in three moves.

1 P—B 8 (B)
P—R 8 (Q) 2 P—K R 8 (Q)
Do. (R) 2 Do. (R)
Do. (B) 2 P—Q R 8 (B)
Do. (Kt) 2 Do. (Kt)

and free of obtrusive pieces, and this prize will be increased by Mr. Powers to twenty-five dollars if the winning problem also has a promotion key-move, as in the example given herewith.

One copy of each entry should be sent to Mr. Alain C. White, Litchfield, Conn., U.S.A., and two additional copies of each to Mr. R. E. Powers, 1177 Quivas Street, Denver, Colorado, U.S.A. Entries may be received up to July 1st, 1926, and any competitor may enter more than one problem, if he so desires.

Entries will be tested by Mr. Powers, and, in case of several sound versions being received, an award will be made by Mr. White. The soundness of the four promotion variations, the absence of obtrusive pieces, the presence of a promotion key, and the economy of the renderings will be the points emphasised in the award. In case of two identical entries being sent in, which is not at all unlikely if some especially exact rendering should be found to exist, then the composer whose problem is first received (allowance being made for distance in the mails) will win the cash prize.

ALAIN C. WHITE.

SOLUTIONS.

By F. Bennett (p. 251).—1 K—B 3, P Queens; 2 Kt—B 2 ch. If 1., P becomes Kt ch; 2 K dis ch. This is little more than an amusing trifle and must be considered in connection with its companion.

By F. Bennett (p. 251).—1 B—B 6, P×B; 2 K—B 8.

By G. Heathcote (p. 251).—1 Q—Kt 7, K—B 5; 2 P—B 7. If 1., R—R 3; 2 P—B 7 dis ch. If 1., R—B 4; 2 Q—B 7 ch. If 1., R—Q Kt 5; 3 B—K 6 ch. If 1., R—Kt 6; 2 P×R. If 1., others; 2 Q—B 7 ch. The pin models are very cleverly managed. That after 1., R—B 4 is likely to be missed. It is a pity the White King could not stand at Q R 8 and so return the Q R P to the box, but 1., R—Q Kt 5 shows the necessity of guarding K B 7.

By P. F. Blake (p. 252).—1 Q—R 2, P—Q 6 dis ch; 2 R—K 5 dis ch, K—K 5; 3 Q—Q 2 ch. If 1., B—K 4; 2 R—K 6 dis ch, K—Kt 4; 3 Q—Q 2 ch. Here White can unfortunately proceed with 2 P×R becoming Q. If 1., B×P; 2 R×R dis ch, K—Kt 4; 3 Q—Q 2 ch. If 1., B—Q 6; 2 R×

B P dis ch, B—B 4; 3 B×B ch. If 1..., P—Q 4; 2 Q—Q 2, K—R 6; 3 Q×B. If 1..., P—R 6; 2 Q—Q 2, etc. If 1..., P—B 6; 2 Q—Kt 1, K—R 6, P—R 6; B or P—Q 6 (If 2..., B—Q 8, 3 R—B 6 (×B) dis ch); 3 Q—Kt 1. If 1..., others (except Kt—Kt 3); 2 R×Q B 4 dis ch and 2 Q—Q 2. Even if this problem was free from the serious dual blemish, we cannot regard it as fully up to Mr. Blake's very high standard in four-move composition. It is certainly good work and in a sense well varied, there being intended no fewer than six model mates, still there is some monotony in the repeated move of Q—Q 2. To wipe out the dual the simple expedient of adding a Black Rook at K or Q 1 would seem to be effective, but the author may have a better method of curing the trouble.

By G. F. Anderson (p. 252).—1 K—B 2, P—K 6 ch; 2 K—Kt 3, B×R (If 2... K—Q 2 or others; 3 R—Kt 8); 3 R×B. If 1..., R—R 1; 2 R—B 5 ch, K—Q 1; 3 R—Q 6 ch. If 1..., K—Q 2; 2 R×Q P dbl ch, K—B 1; 3 B—Q 7 ch. If 1..., others; 2 K—B 1, B×R (if 2..., K—Q 2 or others; 3 R—Kt 8!); 3 R×B. This is a subtle and charming composition, quite characteristic of the style affected by the author. The White King's moves are as amusing as they are cunning. Mr. Anderson has proved that intense strategy can be illustrated with due regard to modern insistence respecting model mates. The model mate is not a particular feature here, but it is present.

By A. W. Mongredien (p. 252).—1 B—R 8! R—Kt 1, 2, 3 or 4; 2 B—Kt 7, B 6, K 5 or Q 4 accordingly, P—R 5 (If 2..., R moves; 3 B—B 8, K 7, Q 6 or B 5 ch accordingly); 3 Q—B 3 ch. If 1..., P—R 5; 2 Q—B 5 ch, R—Kt 5; 3 B—Kt 3 ch. If 1..., R moves else; 2 K, B or P×R short mate. A strikingly clever problem, reminding one of Loyd, Shinkman and Wurzburg. The most improbable key-move is the one alone which is successful.

By Niemeyer and Weenink (p. 252).—1 Kt—Kt 7, B—B 2; 2 R—Q 7 ch. If 1..., R—Kt or R 5; 2 R—K 4 ch. If 1..., R—Q B 5; 2 R×R. If 1..., B×Kt; 2 B×B ch. If 1..., others; 2 K B×P. The key-move is easily suggested but the continuations are a little troublesome. The threat itself is an obscure move and though the other lines are checks or captures, ingenuity is pronounced.

By Dr. E. Palkoska (p. 252).—1 B—K 4, K×B; 2 K—B 6. If 1..., B×B; 2 P—B 4 ch. If 1..., Kt—B 7; 2 B×R P. If 1..., Kt×P; 2 B×B. If 1..., others; 2 P—K 7. A well-varied three-mover with Queen and one Bishop. Not difficult to solve, but there are very pleasing passages. The object of the advanced Q Kt P is obscure.

By B. J. de C. Andrade (p. 252).—1 Q Kt—B 8, P—K 5; 2 Kt—B 6 ch. If 1..., B×Kt; 2 Kt×B. If 1..., B×P; 2 K×B. If 1..., others; 2 B—B 3 ch. A charming little affair. An excellent key with neat models, especially the pinned one given by Pawn.

By T. R. Dawson (p. 253).—1 P—Q 4. An illustration to show that the chess board has no centre file. One of Dawson's playful discoveries.

By B. Copland (p. 253).—1 K—Q 2. Very good as a letter contour, but like most of these pictorial arrangements the interest rests chiefly in the setting with accurate play.

By Rev. N. Bonavia Hunt (p. 253).—1 K Kt—B 4. Another case in point. Good in a way, but it cannot be looked upon as more than a complimentary tribute to the memory of Mrs. Baird whose fancy for these curiosities was almost an obsession in her later days.

By C. A. L. Bull (p. 253).—1 Q—R 2, P—Q Kt 4; 2 Q—B 2 ch. If 1..., K—B 4; 2 K Kt—K 6 ch. If 1..., K—K 4; 2 Kt—Kt 6 dbl ch. If 1..., R×Kt; 2 Q×R ch. If 1..., others; 2 K Kt—K 6 ch. As good as this problem is as set out fully in the solution, we feel Mr. Bull is not showing himself at his best. The key is easy and some of the play (which, however invariably is the case) is not interesting. On the other hand the chief points of the problem are clearly defined and good.

By C. Kainer (p. 253).—1 R—Kt 3, B×R; 2 Kt—K 7 ch. If 1..., R×R 2 Q×Kt ch. If 1..., P×Kt; 2 R—B 8 ch. If 1..., P—B 6; 2 Q—Q 3 ch. If 1..., others; 2 Q×Kt ch. Seeing the cribbed-up Rook, the solver, without knowing why, moves it and "hopes for the best." It turns out all correct as the principle of the Nowotny idea is soon manifested. A good problem in its general lay out.

By F. Matousek (p. 253).—1 B—B 5, P×Kt; 2 B×P. If 1..., B—Q 3; 2 B—Kt 1. If 1..., B—R 2; 2 Kt—K 3. If 1..., E—B 2 or Kt—B 1; 2 K×P. If 1..., Kt—B 3; 2 Kt—K 3. This would be accepted as a very fine work but for the poor key. It is no set off because the Bishop is placed *en prise* to the Pawn. If we pass this weakness there is disclosed in the continuations fine play and the composer is to be sympathised with for being driven to adopt such an unsatisfactory opening.

No. 2,515, by B. J. de C. Andrade.—1 Q—R 5. A heavyweight which might well pass for the work of Mackenzie. The variations are well combined, but such a move as 1..., B×R gives away the key.

No. 2,516, by A. Ellerman.—1 K—B 5. The key changes the reply to the cross-check, and the two defences which unpin the Black Queen are ingenious, but the problem hardly attains the author's usual standard.

No. 2,517, by Dr. E. Palkoska.—1 Q—B 6, K—K 4; 2 Q—B 4. If 1..., K Kt any; 2 R—Kt 4 ch. If 1..., Kt×R; 2 Kt—K 6 ch. If 1..., P—B 5; 2 R—Kt 5. A very pretty block three-mover, with quiet play and pleasing models. The Rook is sacrificed in all three leading lines. Excellent construction and a very fair key.

No. 2,518, by K. A. L. Kubbel.—1 Q—R 6, threatening 2 Q—B 6 or K 6 ch. If 1..., R—R 3; 2 R×P (K 5)! If 1..., K×P; 2 P—B 3 ch. Notable for its fine mainplay and uncommon model mates. The key is but moderate and variety not too plentiful, but notwithstanding Queen and two Rooks are a difficult force to handle, the author has obtained surprising results. Altogether a refreshingly original problem.

By T. R. Dawson (p. 284), Reflex Problem.—1 R—Q B 2, K moves; 2 K—B 1, Q—R 8 mate. If 1..., Q—Kt 7 or ×Kt; 2 K—K 1, Q—Kt 8 mate. If 1..., Q×P; 2 R—R 2, Q—Kt 8 mate. If 1..., Q—B 3; 2 R—Kt 2, Q—B 8 mate.

By T. R. Dawson (p. 284), "Grasshopper" Problem.—1 P (Kt 5)×P *e.p.*, any move; 2 B—Kt 5 mate from Grasshopper at Q 5. It is easily seen Black K, P (R 6), P (Kt 5) had no last move. Also, if G (Q 3) moved last it hopped over a man—and the Black Pawn at B 4, the White Kt at Kt 6 and the White G at Q 5 are the only ones available. Since White's Q R 6 and Q 4 and Black's Q Kt 5 are occupied the Black G did not move last. Therefore Black's Q B P moved last. If from Q B 3, we see the White G has just checked the Black K, and clearly this must have been by G from Q 7 to Q 5 (or capturing a man on the latter square giving check). In either case, G (Q 3) in its turn has just checked the White King, and we find no legal way in which the check could be given. Our last chance of a move is thus P (B 2)—B 4, and we then find the preceding moves were G (Q 7)—Q 5 ch, G (Q Kt 1)—Q 3 ch, and the position is free from checks and can be disentangled at leisure. 1 P (Kt 5)×P *e.p.* is thus legal.

By A. P. Powell (p. 286).—1 B×Kt P. An excellent illustration to prove that a capture key is not always a violation. Here the capture is most essential to complete the author's idea, which is a clever one. The Bishop takes a most inoffensive Pawn, pins himself and is freed by Black's efforts to meet the subtle attack. It is altogether a clever mutate notwithstanding the variety is small.

By J. Bunting (p. 286).—1 Q—Kt 7. Here the point is the ingenious play brought about by the central Black Knight's moves of which there are five. Generally the arrangement is original. One is tempted to make 1 Q—R 8 the key but it fails after 1..., Kt—Kt 6. The unpinning of the White Rook is an added feature.

By J. J. Rietveld (p. 286).—1 R—B 5. A very good half pin setting. The threat key is fairly easy to fix because of the single hold by the White Kt on Black's K 4. The variety is interesting and the adverse check might easily be overlooked. We are not satisfied that Black's Q Kt P (Kt 2) is wanted.

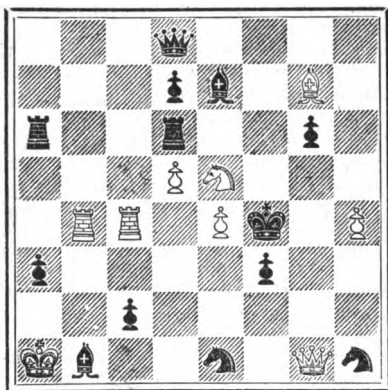
By B. J. de C. Andrade (p. 286).—1 K Kt—B 6, Kt—K 4 or B 5; 2 Kt—K 4. If 1..., Kt—B 7; 2 Kt—R 5. If 1..., Q—R 5; 2 Kt—Q 7. If 1..., Kt—Q 7 or R 6; 2 Kt—Q 5. A subtly composed problem using but three minor pieces to produce eight model mates. It is certainly a record achievement with such a small White force and reminds one of J. Keeble's famous two-mover of 1902 with similar White force in which there were six models.

ORIGINAL PROBLEMS.

No. 2,523.

By C. H. D. CLARK
(Leeds).

BLACK (13 pieces)



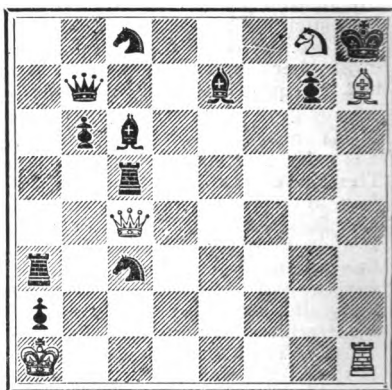
WHITE (9 pieces)

White mates in two moves.

No. 2,524.

By B. J. DE C. ANDRADE
(London).

BLACK (11 pieces)



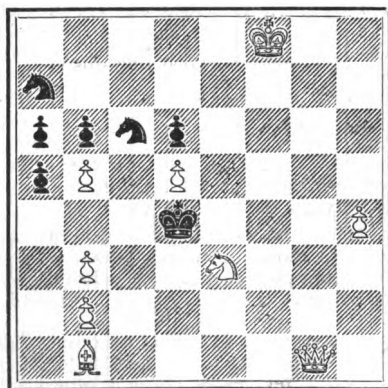
WHITE (5 pieces)

White mates in two moves.

No. 2,525.

By E. BOSWELL
(Lancaster).

BLACK (7 pieces)



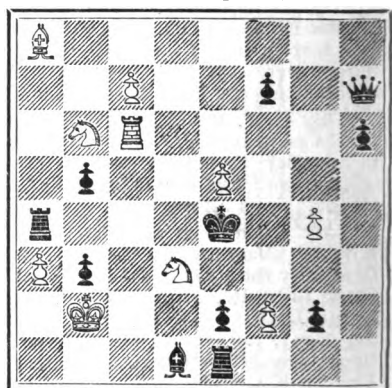
WHITE (9 pieces)

White mates in three moves.

No. 2,526.

By G. F. ANDERSON
(Sheringham).

BLACK (11 pieces)



WHITE (10 pieces)

White mates in three moves.

Will solvers please note that the Black Pawn at Q Kt 4 in Problem No. 2,519, by Dr. F. B. Feast should be a Black Bishop.

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REVIEW.

Modern Chess Openings, by Griffith and White. Completely revised by R. C. Griffith (editor, *British Chess Magazine*; British Chess champion, 1912-13) and M. E. Goldstein, B.Sc. (hon. secretary, Hampstead Chess Club; Middlesex champion, 1924-25). Specially compiled for match and tournament players. Fourth edition. Leeds: Whitehead & Miller, Ltd. 5/-. Interleaved copies, 6/-, post free.

SECOND NOTICE.

It will now be convenient to deal further (see pp. 106-7, March) with the openings singly in the order taken by the authors.

Alekhine's Defence.—Ten columns are devoted to this new opening. In 1922, M. Hans Fahrni published a 28-page pamphlet of analysis concerning it; but so rapidly has the defence obtained recognition that only one of the ten columns is taken from that pamphlet; for all the rest the authors are able to quote games from recent tournaments. Naturally White's best course is still a very open question. After 2 P—K 5, Kt—Q 4; 3 Kt—Q B 3 (3 B—B 4 is attributed by the authors to Tartakover, but Maroczy says Capablanca), P—K 3; 4 Kt×Kt, P×Kt; the course quoted in the second note to game No. 5,377 (*B.C.M.*, April) is good, provided it can stand the test of gambit play on the part of Black. It is to be noted however, that several leading players are very reluctant to push 2 P—K 5; Alekhine himself does not do so, but plays 2 Kt—Q B 3, against which he now declares Black's best course to be 2... P—K 4, transposing into the Vienna. Maroczy again is quite impenitent on the subject of 2 P—Q 3 (see game No. 5,223, *B.C.M.*, May 1924); after 2 P—Q 3, P—K 4; 3 P—K B 4, Kt—B 3, he puts forward a suggestion of Dr. Lasker's, viz.: 4 P×P, Q Kt×P; 5 Kt—K B 3, Kt×Kt ch; 6 P×Kt as favourable to White; but Alekhine proposes then to continue with 6... Kt—R 4, 7 B—K 3, B—Q 3!

Bishop's Opening.—This might at first blush be expected to prove the least altered opening; as a fact, of the ten columns now given to it only four are identical with those of the last edition. The Boden-Kieseritzky variation is reduced from two pages to a single column, being now recognised as quite unsound.

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Caro-Kann Defence.—An extra page (five columns) is well bestowed upon this opening, in spite of the contrast between the two estimates given in 1917 and now of its value as a defence. The exchange of Pawns by White is treated as the leading variation, with the continuation 3 P×P, P×P; 4 B—Q 3, Kt—Q B 3; 5 P—Q B 3, etc.; an interesting alternative to this has lately been put forward by Maroczy, thus:—4 P—Q B 3, Kt—Q B 3; 5 B—K B 4, B—B 4; 6 Kt—Q 2, P—K 3; 7 K Kt—B 3, P—B 3; 8 P—K R 4, which he claims yields White still better chances. Cols. 1, 2, 5, 6 and 7 may be specially commended to the player still in doubt how to treat White's game.

Centre Counter.—This also gets an additional page, with a recasting of the matter. Only one point calls for comment. It is stated in the introduction to the opening that the line of play 2 P×P, Kt—KB 3 is unsound for Black, "as White can retain the Pawn with the better game by the variation given in col. 14." The col. continues thus: 3 B—Kt 5 ch, B—Q 2; 4 B—B 4, B—Kt 5; 5 P—K B 3, B—B 4; 6 Kt—B 3, Q Kt—Q 2; 7 Q—K 2, Kt—Kt 3; 8 B—Kt 3, P—Q R 3; 9 P—Kt 4, B—Kt 3; 10 P—B 4. Unfortunately the conclusion is invalid; instead of the tame 8., P—Q R 3 Black plays 8., Q—Q 2, and Castles as soon as possible afterwards, thereby recovering the Pawn with quite a good game.

Centre Game.—Here the alterations are mainly in the notes; but there is one new column of the first importance, and placed as No. 1 accordingly; it is a line of play by Capablanca destructive of White's most favoured attack.

Danish Gambit.—The Baden-bei-Wien gambit tournament of 1914 seriously damaged the repute of this opening, and the space accorded it has been halved. Beyond this however, the defence 3 P—Q B 3, Q—K 2, treated in col. 10, is one of which little had been heard when the last edition was published: it has since been developed—alarmingly for lovers of the opening.

Evans Gambit.—*M.C.O.* has good news for the dilettanti of this opening. Not very long ago it was quite usual to hear that the Evans could be safely accepted and defended provided Black did *not* capture the Queen's Pawn when offered. This facile generalisation not merely finds neither support nor mention, but is implicitly contradicted by the opening sentence of the new introduction to the section, asserting the soundness of the gambit. Necessarily therefore the new conduct of the opening turns upon the methods by which White can maintain the attack against Black's refusal of White's Queen's Pawn; this has involved "scrapping" most of the old variations, but the opening gains in compactness by the loss of some of its more picturesque continuations. The gambit player who wishes to be abreast of the latest discoveries should master cols. 5 to 8 inclusive of the "accepted" and col. 1 of the "declined" sections. Even in the five survived columns of the old methods however he will find improvements in detail.

Four Knights' Game.—An opening not yet fifty years old, for no writer on the openings dreamt of giving it a separate treatment prior

to the Paris tournament of 1878; since then it has occasionally been described by superficial annotators as "dull and drawish." Its real importance is indicated by its treatment in 55 columns, more than any open game except the Ruy Lopez. The revision is of the most drastic character; fifteen columns are devoted to the Rubinstein Defence (4... Kt—Q 5) against two in the last edition, with consequent eliminations elsewhere. To the player who specialises in this opening the entire section of this new edition is of importance. Another indication of the importance and difficulty of the opening is that the Champion as Black usually evades the distinctive variations by playing 4... P—Q 3, thus transposing into the Steinitz Defence to the Ruy Lopez.

French Defence.—Maintained at 30 columns, the section is still greatly altered; the exchange variation is allotted much less space. In the MacCutcheon variation the leading example (col. 20) quoted is the Capablanca—Alekhine game from the New York tournament: 3 Kt—Q B 3, Kt—K B 3; 4 B—K Kt 5, B—Kt 5; 5 P×P, Q×P: 6 B×Kt, B×Kt ch; but Alekhine now blames this last move severely, maintaining that Black's two Bishops constitute a weapon which White dare not underrate, and that the correct line was 6... P×B; 7 Q—Q 2, Q—Q R 4! This actually occurred in the last round game Capablanca v. Bogoljuboff, in which the Champion was considered to have been very hard pressed; the continuation was 8 K Kt—Kt 2, Kt—Q 2; 9 Kt—B 1 (?), Kt—Kt 3; 10 Kt—Kt 3, Q—K Kt 4; 11 P—Q R 3 (?), Q×Q ch; 12 K×Q, B—K 2, etc. In another MacCutcheon variation (col. 23) after 5 P—K 5, P—K R 3; 6 B—Q 2, B×Kt; 7 P×B, Kt—K 5 (Reti prefers... K Kt—Q 2) 8 Q—Kt 4, P—K Kt 3; 9 P—K R 4, P—Q B 4; Maroczy has maintained in a published analysis that White wins by 10 R—R 3, Q—R 4; 11 B—Q 3, Kt×B; 12 K×Kt, P×P; 13 B×P!

Giucco Piano.—Here the old Greco variation revived by Steinitz and improved by Möller has been placed in the forefront; the authors have cold comfort for the player of Black, for they find no satisfactory defence to the Möller attack; Black can only look to obtain a draw by repetition of moves at an early stage. He must therefore evade this attack by turning to one of Greco's defences, revised and improved by Dr. O. S. Bernstein (col. 9). There are however other courses open to him; there is a growing indisposition amongst master players to accept 4... Kt—K B 3 as Black's best; some advocate 4... P—Q 3, others 4... Q—K 2. The latter of these has not quite received justice in *M.C.O.* Col. 21 runs 4 P—B 3, Q—K 2; 5 P—Q 4, B—Kt 3; 6 Castles, P—Q 3; 7 P—Q R 4, P—Q R 3; 8 P—Q Kt 4, Kt—B 3; 9 B—R 3, B—Kt 5; 10 P—Kt 5, B×Kt; 11 Q×B, Kt—Q R 4; 12 Kt—Q 2, Castles; 13 Q R—K1+; the last move is an emendation of the *Handbuch*, which gives 13 Q—Q 3, and conducts it to Black's advantage. The continuation to 13 Q R—K 1 should be 13... R P×P (this could still better have been done earlier), 14 R P×P, Kt—Q 2; now White's Queen's Pawn is effectively threatened; 15 Q—Q 3, Q—B 3, and White seems to have no very satisfactory course; 16 P×P

loses ; 16 P—Q 5 is unthinkable ; 16 B—Kt 2 is more or less a confession of failure. Black has therefore at least an equal, perhaps a superior game at the point marked “ + ” to White ; and the question arises whether it was not the other White Rook which should have gone to K 1 at move 13.

Irregular Openings.—Transferred to “ I ” and the word “ Unusual ” dropped from the title ; the section has been well revised.

King's Gambit.—The old strategic idea of defence to this opening that White is too strong in the centre to be effectively counter-attacked there, and that therefore a flank movement against the side where he has weakened himself must be initiated (by 3. ., P—K Kt 4) has been partially rejected by the moderns. The view now received is that Black must immediately counter-attack in the centre by 3. ., P—Q 4 and 4. ., Kt—K B 3 (or *vice versa*) ; the flank movement is not entirely rejected, but is only occasionally used after being prepared for (see cols. 3 and 6 of the King's Knight's Gambit). This rules out several varieties which occupied several pages each in older books (*e.g.*, the Cunningham and Salvio Gambits get one column each), and greatly reduces the scale of treatment of the rest. At the present day the King's Bishop's Gambit is the most “ alive ” of all the varieties of the Gambit accepted, and the confirmed gambit player would be well advised to devote himself chiefly to that branch of the opening, as likely to yield him the fewest disappointments. In the Lesser Bishop's Gambit, played four times by Dr. Tartakover in the New York Tournament, Alekhine notes that the logical defence is 3. ., P—K B 4, 4 P×P, Q—R 5 ch.

Max Lange.—A thoroughgoing revision, columns and notes abounding in new matter. Present controversy in this opening rages round the Rubinstein defence, cols. 3 and 4 ; an example of this was given in our pages last year, Game No. 5239, p.252 ; see also p. 336 for a further allusion. *M.C.O.* does not carry this beyond the point then reached. It is highly probable however that this issue is but a side one, and that when the dust has cleared away the judgment of the authors in treating as the main variation that in which Black Castles on the Queen's side (cols. 1 and 2) will be proved sound.

Petroff's and Philidor's Defences.—Two useful sections, the former a little condensed from the last edition.

Ponziani's Opening.—Here room has had to be provided for three new columns (Nos. 1, 2 and 6) dealing with the defences (after 3 P—B 3, P—Q 4 ; 4 Q—R 4) 4. ., Kt—B 3 and 4. ., B—Q 2.

Queen's Gambit.—After a page on the Gambit Accepted, the reader is plunged at once into the most difficult phase of the Gambit Declined, *viz.*, 2 P—Q B 4, P—K 3 ; 3 Kt—Q B 3, Kt—K B 3 ; 4 B—Kt 5, Q Kt—Q 2 ; 5 P—K 3, B—K 2 ; 6 Kt—B 3, Castles ; 7 R—B 1, P—B 3 ; 8 B—Q 3 with its alternative 8 Q—B 2, fifteen columns in all ; these pages are of the first importance to the player who wishes to understand why White has at present the upper hand in this opening ;

but very little less so are those which follow, dealing with other defences to 7 R—B 1 than 7... P—B 3, with the proof that 7 Q—B 2 is inferior to 7 R—B 1, and with a few variations in which White adopts neither move. The Cambridge Springs Defence (cols. 31—35) comes next; here cols. 33 (note *g* is very important) and 35 represent the latest conclusions. Since the New York Tournament, White's move of 7 Kt—Q 2 is no longer regarded as good enough to yield White an advantage. Col. 39 deals with Dr. Lasker's modification of Atkins's Defence: 3 Kt—Q B 3, Kt—K B 3; 4 B—Kt 5, B—K 2; 5 P—K 3, Castles; 6 Kt—B 3, Kt—K 5; the example given runs 7 B×B, Q×B; 8 Q—B 2!, Kt×Kt; 9 Q×Kt! P—B 4; 10 B P×P, B P×P; 11 Kt×P, P×P; 12 B—K 2, Kt—Q 2; 13 Castles, to the advantage of White (following a game Alekhine *v.* Maroczy, New York). In point of fact however, White's move of 12 B—K 2 was better answered with 12... B—K 3; 13 Castles, R—B 1; 14 Q—Q 2, Kt—B 3, in a game Teichmann *v.* Tartakover, Vienna, 1908. Grünfeld gives 12 B—Kt 5 as the only move which establishes a superiority of position for White. Four pages to the Tarrasch Defence (3 Kt—Q B 3, P—Q B 4) go to prove that this does not at present yield Black any better prospects than the orthodox 3... Kt—K B 3, if indeed as good. Cols. 81 to 100 deal with the defence 2... P—Q B 3; here the special attention of the reader who desires a good working defence may be called to col. 91; Rubinstein and Alekhine concur in a good opinion of the line here taken by Black (which may also arise by transposition in the defence 2... P—K 3; 3 Kt—Q B 3, Kt—K B 3; 4 Kt—B 3, P—B 3;). Winawer's counter-attack (2... P—Q B 3; 3 Kt—Q B 3, P—K 4, col. 98) is held by Alekhine to be best countered by 4 B P×P, K P×P; 5 Kt—B 3, P—K 5; 6 Kt—K 5, Kt—Q B 3; 7 B—K B 4 and 8 P—K 3; the authors only notice 7 Q—R 4 (note *g*). Maroczy however, proposes that Black should play 6... Q—R 4 (instead of ... Kt—Q B 3). A page to Albin's Counter-Gambit concludes a section of 105 columns, an increase of thirty on the previous edition.

Queen's Knight's Opening.—This has in recent years received some support from Breyer and Tartakover, and has therefore by no means stood still in the last few years.

The Queen's Pawn Game is a section which has been exactly doubled (110 columns) since the last edition. The absence of 2 P—Q B 4 removes a constraining influence upon Black's game, and gives him much more freedom of choice, consequently the section is somewhat of a labyrinth. There is a little overlapping, as the authors have included in this section all variations where (Black having played 1... P—Q 4) White plays P—Q B 4 at a later stage than the second move; many such variations are indistinguishable from the Queen's Gambit Declined; they will be found in the first eight columns. The case of White trying to obtain an attack by withholding P—Q B 4 entirely is dealt with in cols. 9 and 10; the lines given in note (*k*) should be carefully studied; Alekhine is of opinion that this form of the opening is losing ground. In eight columns White plays 2 B—B 4; against this the line adopted by

Maroczy, given in col. 13 deserves special attention ; but another good line for Black is 2 B—B 4, P—Q B 4 ; 3 P—K 3 ; Kt—Q B 3 ; 4 P—Q B 3, Kt—B 3 ; 5 Kt—B 3, P—K 3 ; 6 Q Kt—Q 2, B—Q 3 ; 7 B—Kt 3 (so far given in col. 15, the sequel is different), B×B ; 8 R P×B, Q—Q 3 ! ; 9 B—Q 3, P—K 4 ; 10 P×P, Kt×P ; 11 K Kt×Kt, Q×Kt ; 12 B—Kt 5 ch, K—K 2 ! from Schlechter *v.* Teichmann, Hamburg, 1910. On the whole several authorities agree that White cannot look for more than equality by 2 B—B 4. The Stonewall variation for White occupies four columns (21—24) ; it is significant that the authors do not quote a single instance of this being played by a master of the first rank since 1908. With col. 26 the irregular defences to 1 P—Q 4 are entered upon, beginning with 1... Kt—K B 3 ; in regard to this there is an omission in the fourth paragraph of the introduction (p. 117) ; the latter part of this paragraph moots a question of " the stronger reply," without indicating the move to which reply is to be made ; that move is 1... Kt—K B 3. In the New York Tournament book, Alekhine gives very cogent reasons in favour of 2 P—Q B 4 for White. However, 2 Kt—K B 3 is first dealt with in fifteen columns ; of many of these it may be said that Black's ruling idea is to work by transposition into a form of Queen's Gambit Declined less unfavourable than the orthodox (direct) variations. The Blumenfeld Counter Gambit gets four columns ; in regard to the last of these, the example quoted is Kostich *v.* Maroczy, Weston, 1922 ; as to Black's 8th and 9th moves, see Game No. 4,997 (wrongly numbered 4,497), *B.C.M.*, December, 1922. Tchigorin's Defence (1... Kt—K B 3 ; 2 Kt—K B 3, P—Q 3) has lost ground since the last edition ; the King's Fianchetto Defence (generally called abroad the " Indian Defence ") has become the principal line for Black ; special attention should be given to cols. 56, 7 and 8, and the complementary notes. In the Grünfeld Defence (2 P—Q B 4, P—K Kt 3 ; 3 Kt—Q B 3, P—Q 4) the variation 4 P×P, Kt×P ; 5 P—K 4, Kt×Kt ; 6 P×Kt, B—Kt 2 is the mainplay ; the authors continue with 7 Kt—K B 3 (col. 69), but Alekhine remarks of this that it is by no means indispensable, and could be advantageously substituted by K Kt—K 2, after development of the Bishop. The Buda-Pesth defence (cols. 76—80) appears to have exhausted its short vogue ; 4 P—K 4 is shewn to give White the superiority. Finally there are twenty columns to the Dutch Defence ; White's treatment of the opening in col. 109 is specially commended by Alekhine.

Réti's Opening.—This may be considered to have superseded Zukertort's Opening so far as the move 1 Kt—K B 3 is concerned. Openings are built upon the alternate and complementary processes of analysis corrected by subsequent play, and play corrected by subsequent analysis ; the working of the latter process can here be watched to advantage. Col. 2 is the New York game, Réti *v.* Bogoljuboff, opened thus : 1 Kt—K B 3, P—Q 4 ; 2 P—Q B 4, P—K 3 ; 3 P—K Kt 3, Kt—K B 3 ; 4 B—Kt 2, B—Q 3 ; 5 P—K 3, Castles ; 6 Castles, R—K 1 ; 7 B—Kt 2, Q Kt—Q 2 ; 8 P—Q 4, P—B 3 ; 9 Q Kt—Q 2, Kt—K 5 ; 10 Kt×Kt, P×Kt ; 11 Kt—K 5,

P—K B 4; 12 P—B 3 with the better game; but here interposes Grünfeld by pointing out that the correct reply to 8 P—Q 4 was P×P, 9 P×P, P—B 4, and the game is even. Col. 3 is the game Réti v. Dr. Lasker (No. 5,266, *B.C.M.*, August, 1924). The impression made by the ex-champion's defensive line was so considerable that Alekhine in the New York tournament book expressed doubts whether it may not prove to be destructive of Réti's system as an attack, and suggested that after 2 P—Q B 4, P—Q B 3, White may have to abandon the system, and content himself with turning the game into a Queen's Gambit Declined by 3 P—Q 4. But now interposes the Swedish expert, A. Nilsson, who discovered on analysis that Réti could have fully equalised the game by 10 P—K 4 (see Game No. 5,363, *B.C.M.*, March, 1925). Col. 5 is the New York game Réti v. Janowski, 1 Kt—K B 3, P—Q 4; 2 P—B 4, P×P; 3 Kt—R 3, Kt—K B 3; 4 Kt×P, P—K 3; 5 P—K Kt 3, Q Kt—Q 2; 6 B—Kt 2, Kt—Kt 3; 7 Castles, Kt×Kt; 8 Q—R 4 ch, P—B 3; 9 Q×Kt, etc., with superior game for White; but, says Alekhine, 7 Castles was a very ill-considered move which put White's advantage in doubt; the right line was 7 P—Kt 3!; to White's 8 Q—R 4 ch Black could have replied 8... B—Q 2; 9 Q×Kt, B—B 3, with a perfectly satisfactory game. With Reti's system as a defence the authors have not dealt directly (but see cols. 49 and 52, Queen's Pawn Game); it was so used however six times at New York, and Alekhine expresses the opinion that in a modified form it may be more suitable to the defence than to the attack. Upon Reti's system generally Grünfeld pronounces it to be much overrated, and to have reached its high-water mark in the New York tournament.

Ruy Lopez.—The introduction, extended to five pages, must be again commended to the reader's attention; it is a very able summary of the 170 columns of revised analysis. In the Berlin Defence the authors called attention to 4 P—Q 4 (cols. 26—30); the revival of this line was not, however, very noticeable in last year's tournaments. The amount of new matter in the Classical Defence (cols. 41—55) shows that there is still great vitality in this old form, which was twice resorted to in the recent Baden-Baden tournament. The open form (led up to by 5... Kt×P) of the Morphy Defence is treated in thirty columns, as before; but here it is to be noted that P—Q R 4 for White at an early stage has now all but disappeared from practice, so that there has been a considerable recasting of the columns. Recent discussions have chiefly turned upon the close form of the Morphy Defence (5... B—K 2, cols. 96—108). Whether White should permit his K Kt to be pinned (cols. 101—3), and whether Black should exchange the centre Pawns before or after pinning the Knight, were the principal points of controversy; the experience of the New York tournament was held to be in favour of Black on the ground that he should pin first and exchange afterwards; col. 101 represents this conclusion. Consequently in the recent Baden-Baden tournament White mostly prevented the pin by playing P—K R 3, or else evaded the other issue (exchange of Pawns) by playing his

Q P one square only. In the Steinitz Defence the cols. 143—8 present recent conclusions for both sides ; but No. 148 is specially important to players who cultivate this defence.

Scotch Game.—The most important novelties are Dr. Tartakover's 6 Kt—Q 2 (see Game No. 4,987, *B.C.M.*, 1922) treated in col. 5 ; and the disproof of the Blumenfeld attack, cols. 13—15 ; the latter however, has lost importance since Black took to playing 5... B—Kt 3 (col. 12).

Sicilian Defence.—Pronounced by eminent authorities eighty years ago to be the best reply to 1 P—K 4, this defence has still, in the opinion of the authors, claims to that distinction. Cols. 1—5 and 18—23 best represent the methods now in favour on both sides ; the intermediate cols. (except Nos. 14 and 15) represent rather the improvements made in the older forms. In the Paulsen Defence (2 Kt—K B 3, P—K 3 ; 3 P—Q 4, P×P ; 4 Kt×P, P—Q R 3) the New York game, Yates *v.* Tartakover is not quoted ; as White's treatment of the opening has received special commendation from Alekhine, the early moves may be here given : 5 Kt—Q B 3, Q—B 2 ; 6 B—Q 3, Kt—Q B 3 ? 7 B—K 3, Kt—B 3 ; 8 Kt—Kt 3, P—Q Kt 4 ; 9 Q—K 2, Kt—K 4 ? 10 P—B 4, Kt×B ch ; 11 P×Kt, B—Kt 2 ; 12 Castles, B—K 2 ; 13 Q R—B 1, etc. Col. 20 gives a method of defence at present much in favour with the Dutch players ; the student of this opening should particularly note that in this and kindred variations White no longer supports his Knight at Q 4 by B—K 3, in the method of one or two decades back, but plays the Kt to Q Kt 3 when necessary ; the reason is that one of Black's aims in this form of the defence is to get his Q Kt to Q B 5, and White's Bishop at K 3 is then in an embarrassing position.

Three Knights' Game.—An opening of diminishing importance, which has consequently been reduced by one page.

Two Knights' Defence.—In the old form of this opening (4 Kt—Kt 5, P—Q 4 ; 5 P×P, Kt—Q R 4) Morphy's line of 6 P—Q 3 has been steadily winning ground amongst master players for a long time, and it is now rare to meet with the older line of 6 B—Kt 5 ch ; cols. 1—5 deal with this, and Fritz's variation (5... Kt—Q 5) gets two columns (9 and 10). The increased importance of White's alternative fourth moves (Castles and P—Q 4) is recognised in two pages of new analysis. The tendency in late tournament practice however, is to turn the opening into a *Giuoco Pianissimo* by 4 P—Q 3 ; this happened several times in the recent Baden-Baden tournament.

Vienna Game.—Receives an additional page at the expense of the Vienna Gambit, the Hamppe-Allgaier and kindred attacks finding no more favour with the modern expert than their near relations in the King's Gambit. The quieter line of 3 B—B 4 is treated first in ten columns. In the variation, 2... Kt—K B 3 ; 3 B—B 4, B—B 4 ; 4 P—Q 3, P—Q 3 ; 5 P—B 4, Kt—B 3 ; 6 P—B 5, special note should be taken of col. 2, as the best line for Black against this form.

Here however the following swashbuckling example from the Baden-Baden tournament may appropriately be quoted: 6... Kt—Q 5; 7 Kt—R 4, P—Q Kt 4; 8 Kt×B, P×Kt; 9 B—Kt 3, P—B 5; 10 P×P, Kt×B; 11 Q×Q ch, K×Q; 12 P×Kt, P×P; 13 Kt—B 3, Kt×P; 14 Kt×P, R—K 1; 15 B—B 4, B×P; 16 Castles, P×P; 17 P×P, P—B 3; 18 Kt—B 6 ch, K—Q 2; 19 Kt×P, and White won; the players were Mieses (White) and Sir G. A. Thomas. Perhaps Black might have played 10... B—Kt 2 to greater advantage. In a later round against Spielmann, Mieses did not venture upon 6 P—B 5 again, but played 6 Kt—B 3. The wilder form of the opening (3 P—B 4, cols. 12—25) has been drastically revised; cols. 21 and 22 are representative of recent tournament practice; col. 12, although older, did not appear in the last edition, and is of high value.

A comparison of the choice of openings in the Paris tournament of 1878 at the threshold of the tournament era, and in the recent Baden-Baden tournament, throws into relief the change which has come over the methods of the leading practitioners of the game. In the Paris tournament about fifty-six per cent. of the games were opened with 1 P—K 4 on both sides, and about eighty-seven per cent. with 1 P—K 4 for White; in the Baden-Baden tournament the respective percentages were twenty-one and forty. Whereas in 1878 less than one seventh of the games were begun by White with another move than 1 P—K 4, in 1925 three out of every five were so begun! The resort to close defences to 1 P—K 4 has actually diminished; this revolution is the work of the first player. The collapse of all the wilder and more picturesque forms of attack, as the Danish, Evans and King's Knight's Gambits, is now seen to be due to the discovery that they were only possible by the help of a certain degree of complaisance on the part of the second player; that complaisance being withheld, the attacks lose their former attraction. These considerations fully justify the change of proportion in the treatment of close and open games, dwelt upon in the first notice.

Closer perusal confirms strongly the previously expressed opinion of the merits of this new edition. It is easily the best contribution to English literature of the chess openings which has yet been made, and should be, not on the shelf, but on the table and at the elbow of every club match player and tournament competitor. Apart from the *Handbuch*, scarcely any other language possesses a manual of the openings so complete, and at so low a price. Few amateurs realise the amount of work involved in the preparation of such a book; for each analytical column with its notes, several games and several suggested departures from the mainplay have to be examined and sifted; this book contains 975 columns! It is a highly fortunate circumstance for British chess that two players, bringing a ripe experience on the one side, youthful enthusiasm and keenness on the other, with unwearying assiduity in both, should have devoted themselves to this task. It is now the turn of the British chess amateur to show his appreciation of the almost unique advantage offered him.

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CHESS NOTES AND PROBLEMS

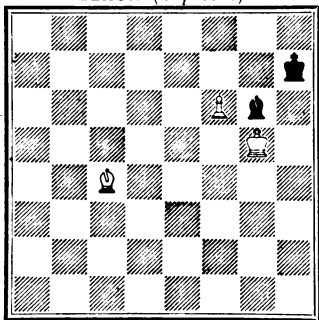
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Unfortunately there was no time for me to see the proof of the problems for Seniors last month, and I see that the printer made a mistake in Problem No. 10. It is Black to play, he is threatened with mate on the move! Will Seniors note this, they still have a month in which to solve it.

PROBLEMS FOR SENIORS.

Problem No. 9.

BLACK (2 pieces)



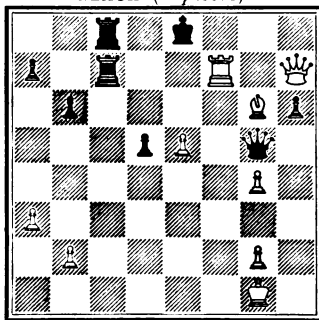
WHITE (3 pieces)

White to play.

What result and how?

Problem No. 10.

BLACK (8 pieces)



WHITE (9 pieces)

Black to play.

How should he continue?

The solutions sent in for the Junior Problems Nos. 7 and 8, not only by the Juniors themselves, but also by those Seniors, who send solutions to all four, were for the most part astonishingly bad. No. 7 is a position which might easily occur, and it is most important that White should play correctly at this stage. Many started with the wrong move, but still made it a win, by making Black make a worse. If 1 K—B 5, K—Kt 2 not P—R 4. I admit No. 8 is difficult but few seem to recognise that White is a piece down, and therefore he must do something drastic. Those that did realise this went to the other extreme and offered another piece by 1 Kt—Kt 5 or 1 Kt—K 5, in both cases the piece can be taken, and the mate saved. There were ten Juniors who sent in solutions, and the following is the "Ladder." "Tyro," 41, 10, 2, 53; "Knowsley," 42, 4, 7, 53; "E.H.K.B.," 42, 3, 5, 50; "Pawn," 41, 3, 3, 47; "Synopsis," 42, 2, 2, 46; "Lopez," 39, 2, 1, 42; "R.D.D.," 36, no solutions; "Lady Clara," 16, 10, 4, 30; "Robo," 16, 3, 4, 23; "Cheadd," 18, 0, 5, 23; "Rook," 16, 1, 2, 19; "Relda," 18, and "S.H.R.," 16, no solutions.

ANSWERS TO JUNIORS.—"R.D.D."—Thanks for card, I do not imagine you wish your letter treated as an attempt at solving the problems! Am glad you are having such a good holiday; it is a far cry from London; thanks for good wishes. "E.H.K.B."—You miss the point of White's play in No. 7. After 4 P×P the game is drawn. Your answer to No. 8 is correct, but not the best, as I pointed out. "Pawn"—After 4 P×P you work the position out correctly, but the right line for White is 2 P—R 4. In No. 8 you do not give

Black a chance! After $1\ R \times P$, $Q-K\ 3$ saves the piece. "Robo"—To draw by gaining the opposition Black must play $4...$, $K-R\ 2$ not $K-Kt\ 2$. Your solution to No. 8 is far too elaborate, and I am sorry to say, mostly quite wrong. I cannot spare the time to criticise it; if you study the solution you will probably see for yourself where you went wrong. Some of your columns you leave without remark, so that I cannot gather whether you think White or Black has the advantage. "Lopez"— $1\ Kt-Kt\ 5$, $P \times Kt$; $2\ Q-R\ 5$, $Q-B\ 4$ ($Q-K\ 3!$); $3\ R \times P$, $Q \times P$ ($B\ 3$) and Black is *two* pieces up. "Rook"—The general remarks will show you where you are wrong. Keep on trying, I am sure it is worth the trouble. "Knowsley"—In No. 7 you miss the winning line, as you will have seen. You are one of the few to give the correct first move in No. 8, but the subsequent play is not quite the best. "Cheadd"—Your solutions were unsigned. I traced them by former ones. In No. 7 $3...$, $K-Kt\ 2$ draws. "Tyro"—In No. 8 why not $1...$, $K\ Kt \times Kt$? "Lady Clara"—Will reply to your letter, if you will send me name and address. In No. 8 I think $3...$, $Kt\ (B\ 3)-K\ 2$; $4\ R-R\ 5$, $Q-Kt\ 2$ would be better. "Synopsis"—Am very sorry to hear of your illness, and hope you are better by now. You will have seen how you missed the win in No. 7. In No. 8 after $1\ Kt-Q\ 4$, $Kt \times Kt$ can be played.

As to the Senior problems, Nos. 7 and 8, page 263, 7 is very difficult, and I am not surprised at many failing to see the intricacies; I am not sure I saw them all myself! Very few gave any variation of $1...$, $R \times K\ B\ P$; $2\ Kt \times B$ in No. 8. There were twenty-three solvers. The "Ladder" is as follows: "Pussycat," 45, 4, 6, 55; "O.L.T.," 38, 10, 6, 54; "Nuorb," 42, 8, 2, 52; "Clare," 43, 4, 4, 51; "Delta," 42, 6, 3, 51; "Sirius," 39, 4, 4, 47; "C.J.C.," 39, 3, 5, 47; "A-A," 40, 4, 2, 46; "Beta," 42, no solutions; "G.A.W.," 32, 4, 5, 41; "Squibs," 33, 4, 4, 41; "H.O.T.," 26, 7, 6, 39; "Nemo," 34, -, 4, 38; "Gambit," 24, 6, 4, 34; "C.H.D.," 19, 10, 3, 32; "T.E.S.," 15, 10, 5, 30; "A.G.A.," 20, 4, 5, 29; "R.F.D.H.," 12, 4, 5, 21; "C.T.B.," -, 9, 5, 14; "H.D'O.B.," -, 8, 5, 13; "Quanta," -, 8, 3, 11; "J.R.C.," -, 4, 4, 8; "S.L.," -, 3, 3, 6.

ANSWERS TO SENIORS: "Robo"—Please confine to one set, your solutions are far too elaborate. I only want the best line on both sides. In your column 1 in No. 7 after $2...$, $P-Kt\ 8$ ($Kt\ ch$) is a win for White, not a draw. "H.O.T."—You do not give a variation after $K-Kt\ 2$ in No. 7, nor of $28\ Kt \times B$ in No. 8. "G.A.W."—In No. 8 you are right as far as that variation goes, but this is a case where a second, $2\ Kt \times B$ must be given. "Quenta"—Have you any score before? "Sirius"—Why blame the weather? "Squibs"—Many thanks for appreciative remarks. I do not think $4...$, $R-B\ 6$ in No. 8 is as forcing as the line I suggested. "O.L.T."—Yes, I think in No. 7 if $1\ R-B\ 5\ ch$, $K-Kt\ 2$; $2\ R-B\ 3$, $B-Kt\ 5\ ch$; $3\ K-R\ 3$, $P-Kt\ 8$ (Q); $4\ R-B\ 7\ ch$ draws, equally with the line I gave. To my mind your solution of No. 8 is too slow, and I think in the sacrificing variation, after $6\ R-Kt\ 2$, $Q-K\ 8$ is the move. "Clare"—In your variation of No. 7 where $P=Kt$, the position is a win for Black, not a draw. In No. 8 after $1...$, $Q-R-B\ 1$, White might defend the Pawn after $P \times P$. "Gambit"—In your variation No. 2 if $3...$, $P=Kt$, Black wins. "C.H.D."—Will try and find you an opponent. "H.D'O.B."—Hope you will regularly go for the Senior problems. $2\ Kt \times B$ has points, which might be alluded to in answering No. 8. I was surprised to get your first solution of Junior 7! In No. 8 after $3\ Kt-K\ 5$, what about $3...$, $Q-K\ 3$? "C.T.B."—Please take a pseudonym, am getting "snowed under" with initials. "Delta"—In No. 7 in your variation, $4...$, $K-K\ 5$ wins, for if $5\ R-K\ Kt\ 5$, $B \times R$; $6\ K-R\ 3$, $P=Kt\ ch$; $7\ K-Kt\ 2$, $Kt-K\ 2$ or $B\ 3$ wins. See answer to "Clare" *re* No. 8. "Nemo"—Thanks for your honesty! In No. 8 is not $5\ K-R\ 2$ better. "T.E.S."—Only 5 for No. 8, because you do not give $2\ Kt \times B$. "C.J.C."—Black is not compelled to take a Queen. See answer to "T.E.S." *re* No. 8. Symon Lee—A pseudonym please! I cannot follow $1...$, $R \times P$ ($B\ 6$); $2\ K \times R$, $R-B\ 1\ ch$; $3\ K-Kt\ 2$, $Q-B\ 6$ in your solution to No. 8. "J.R.C."—No,

the ending is a win for the Bishop and Knight. "A—A," "Nuorb"—See answer to "Clare" *re* No. 8. "A.G.A."—You give yourself away by sending such solutions to the Junior problems! "Pussycat"—After 2 Kt×B, Q R—B 1; 2 Kt—B 5 ch, R (B 1)×Kt wins, I think, for Black. "W.L.U."—Please take a pseudonym. I suggest you try Juniors first; curiously enough you have failed worse with these than with the Seniors. See answer to Delta *re* Senior 7. In Junior 8, after 2 Q—R 5, Q—K 3 must be played. I will mark you in accordance with your decision.

Now to revert to Problems Nos. 5 and 6, page 222. Most solvers to Junior No. 5 sent R—K 8 ch, which does not come to quite the same thing as Q×R, and most solvers who did start with Q×R overlooked the resource of Black after 2... K—Kt 2; 3 R×R of P—Q B 3. Generally solvers had little difficulty in solving No. 6, all the same the sacrifice of one Rook to get the mate ought to always be in the mind of a player in similar positions. Senior No. 5 is of course a made-up position, and few found the author's solution, several ingenious terminations were suggested, but they generally were possible only by Black not making the *best* reply.

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS: "Synopsis"—I think the ending was a fair draw. White's best chance would appear to be 1 P—B 4 to be followed by R—Q 3; 4... B—Q 3 in that opening must be bad; it is against all principles, perhaps the "new school" would applaud it! 5 R—K 1 is quite sound in reply. "Relda"—After such a good start, why stop at first attempt. S. H. Rose—Unless somewhat difficult, how can they be called problems? If so easy that they can be solved from the diagram, there can be little interest in solving them. "Lady Clara," "R.D.D."—As you will have seen, Black's best reply is 2... K—Kt 2, not R×R in No. 5. Quite correct as to No. 6. "Robo"—In Senior No. 6 you overlooked that 2 P—Kt 8 (Q) dis ch, leaves the new Queen *en prise*. In No. 5 after 2... Kt—B 7 ch White can play 3 B×Kt. "Lopez"—Am sorry, I was nearly mulcted in Doctor's bills over 4! I have already apologised; it was an unfriendly act of an otherwise honest man! "C.C.X.L."—Why so irregular? "Pussycat"—Thanks for specimen. Any luck since you wrote? "C.H.D."—A jolly good start! "Nemo"—Sorry I cannot credit you for No. 6 "Sirius," "A—A"—You would have got No. 6 if you had thought of getting a Knight instead of a Queen. "O.L.T."—1 P—B 4, K—Kt 3; 2 Kt—Q 3. Cannot 2... K—B 4 be played? If I am wrong I will submit your solution to the composer.

Will solvers send with their next solutions full names, addresses, with their pseudonyms, and latest scores, and I will keep the record in a book, so that I may have one easy to find. Loose sheets are so likely to be lost. Again I would call attention to Senior Problem No. 10—it is Black to move, not White.

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Since writing above, I regret to learn of the death, at the early age of eighteen, after a long, suffering illness, patiently born, of the solver, who took the pseudonym "Synopsis." His mother writes that his last days were considerably brightened by the interest he took in chess and its problems. His father, also a chess player of no little repute, died only sixteen months ago. Fellow solvers will, I know, share with me in sending sympathy to his mother, whose only child he was.

R.C.G.

THE BRITISH CORRESPONDENCE CHESS ASSOCIATION.

All communications respecting these pages should be addressed to Mr. H. E. Matthews, 37 Anson Street, Monton, Eccles, Manchester. New members will be welcomed at any time and games can always be arranged for them at short notice.

Trophies Tourney Results.—Class 1a: W. H. Gunston 1, F. W. Ffoulkes 0; L. Illingworth $\frac{1}{2}$, F. W. Ffoulkes $\frac{1}{2}$; L. Illingworth $\frac{1}{2}$, P. J. Lawrence $\frac{1}{2}$; L. Illingworth 1, L. C. G. Dewing 0. Class 1b: H. D. Rockett 1, J. D. Chambers 0; H. D. Rockett 1, H. J. H. Cope 0. Class 2a: W. T. Ditcham $\frac{1}{2}$, G. F. Colborne $\frac{1}{2}$. Class 2b: W. C. Wallis 1, T. L. Redfern 0. Class 3a: H. Bardsley 1, E. Oldfield 0; H. Bardsley 1, A. Lesser 0. Class 3c: R. Hopkins 1, J. McClusky 0; A. F. Anderton 1, N. Ovington 0; J. McClusky 1, C. H. Jago 0; R. Hopkins 1, A. F. Anderton 0. Class 4b: F. Marsden 1, L. C. Seymour 0; L. C. Seymour 1, T. N. Fisher 0; L. C. Seymour 1, Miss G. M. Roper 0; L. C. Seymour $\frac{1}{2}$, R. Day $\frac{1}{2}$; R. N. Murray 1, L. C. Seymour 0; R. C. Day 1, Miss G. M. Roper 0. Class 4a: C. Folley 1, D. Hume 0; Miss H. Chater 1, D. Hume 0; P. le Grip 1, D. Hume 0. Class 5a: R. W. Houghton 1, E. W. Roberts 0; P. Rocks, junr. 1, T. Palmer 0; E. S. Davis 1, R. G. Somerville 0. Class 5b: J. C. Derlien 1, J. C. Halford 0; J. C. Derlien 1, C. Coldwell 0; Miss J. H. White 1, Miss L. Eveling 0.

Handicap Tourney Results.—*Wins*: Aston v. Hopkins; Anderton v. Behrndt; Armitage v. Duffell, Evill; Bodkin v. Rynders (2), Duffell, Armitage; Bardsley v. Chambers; Clarke v. Miss Drummond (2), Crean, Seymore (2), Behrndt, Syberg; Crean v. Clarke, Stewart, Brown; Miss Drummond v. Tott; Duffell v. Bodkin, Oldfield, Ward; Dutton v. Wilcox, Cave (2); Evill v. Armitage; Miss Eveling v. Mrs. Fish; Mrs. Fish v. Newbold (2); Folley v. Dutton; Fairclough v. Miss Eveling (2); Frazer v. Hume (2), Whall, Sheard (2); Gurney v. Hopkins, Coleman; George v. Taplin (2), Holbrook; Hollingdale v. Beckingham (2), Heywood; Heywood v. Milburn (2); Hume v. Maden, Ward; Holbrook v. Lister; Houghton v. Hollingdale, Stewart; Hopkins v. Behrndt, Oldfield; Lister v. Newbold (2); Lesser v. Terry (2), Miss Eveling, Oldfield, Fairclough (2), Gurney; Murray v. Seymore; McClusky v. Anderton, Hopkins (2); Milburn v. Hollingdale (2); McDonald v. McClusky (2); Ovington v. Wilcox; Rynders v. Chambers, Beckingham (3), Dancer (2); Roper v. Seymore, Tott (2); Somerville v. Griffin (2), Whall; Shelton v. Mrs. Fisher; Snook v. Hollingdale; Seymore v. Murray; Syberg v. Haydn (2), Newbold (2), Folley; Terry v. Wilson; Tollit v. Hollingdale; Tapsfield v. Coleman (2), Simeon (2); Wilcox v. Dutton, Tapsfield; Ward v. Chambers, Shelton (3); Wilson v. Rynders, Beckingham (2); Whall v. Frazer, Sheard, Porch (2), Miss Drummond (2), Hume.

Draws: Anderton v. McClusky; Chambers v. Terry; Coleman v. Gurney; Dutton v. Folley; Gurney v. Hopkins, Lesser; Hume v.

Maden ; Ovington *v.* Snook, Ward ; Somerville *v.* Snook ; Syberg *v.* Gurney ; Ovington *v.* Ward.

The score in our match against the *Chess Amateur* is $10\frac{1}{2}$ — $10\frac{1}{2}$, which promises an even match.

We are disappointed that there is a dearth of volunteers in answer to our appeal of last month. We feel sure that amongst our members there must be many who are well fitted to fill the vacant posts, and to them we make a further and special appeal.

CLASS III (SECTION "C").

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
1 A. F. Anderton	—	I	I	0	I	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	I	
2 E. Behrndt	0	—	0	0			0	I	0
3 A. R. Coole	0	I	—	I		$\frac{1}{2}$	I	I	
4 R. Hopkins	I	I	0	—	0	$\frac{1}{2}$		I	
5 C. H. Jago	0			I	—	$\frac{1}{2}$		I	
6 J. McClusky	$\frac{1}{2}$		$\frac{1}{2}$	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	—	0	I	$\frac{1}{2}$
7 N. Ovington	$\frac{1}{2}$	I	0			I	—	I	
8 W. L. Wakefield*	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	—	0
9 C. H. Wise		I				$\frac{1}{2}$		I	—

* By default.

CLASS IV (SECTION "A").

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
1 Miss H. Chater	—	$\frac{1}{2}$				I		I		
2 J. E. Dutton	$\frac{1}{2}$	—	I	I	I		0	I		
3 E. Fairclough		0	—			0	I			$\frac{1}{2}$
4 C. Folley		0	I	—		I		I	0	
5 Dr. J. Holmes		0			—				0	
6 D. Hume	0		I	0		—	0		0	
7 W. Lambert		I	0			I	—	I	0	
8 W. H. Laslett	0	0		0			0	—	0	
9 P. le Grip			0	I	I	I	I		—	I
10 G. A. Wilcox			$\frac{1}{2}$						0	—

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TOMB OF REV. HENRY AUGUSTUS LOVEDAY
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chess problem, which was sent from Delhi, August, 1844. The inscription
reads :—

“ THIS MONUMENT
WAS ERECTED BY HIS PARISHIONERS
TO THE MEMORY OF
REV. H. A. LOVEDAY
FOR SEVEN YEARS CHAPLAIN
AT THIS STATION
WHO DIED JANUARY 9TH,
1848.
AGED 32 YEARS.”

*Photo obtained by Lt. Col. Thuillier, when he visited Delhi, 1924, to be
reproduced in “B.C.M.”*

HENRY AUGUSTUS LOVEDAY.

Several references to the composer of the Indian chess problem have been made in previous numbers of the *B.C.M.*, and his full history appeared in an article I contributed to the "Good Companion Folder" of May, 1924. Henry Augustus Loveday was born at Barrackpore, India, August 3rd, 1815. He was the eighth child of a family of thirteen of General Lambert Loveday and his wife, *née* Anne Louise d'Esterre. General Loveday had a long and honourable career in India. He retired from the Service in 1824 and quitted India on December 24th of that year, henceforth to live at 13 Grosvenor Place, Bath, England. It was in that house that Henry Augustus grew up to early manhood. In 1830 he was sent to the famous school at Rugby. In June, 1834, he entered Trinity College, Cambridge, and after spending three terms there migrated to Peterhouse (Cambridge). He took his degree of B.A. on January 28th, 1838, and is shown as Reverend in the Cambridge Calendar of 1840. It might be interesting to note here that two other famous English chessplayers passed their college career at Peterhouse. I refer to Dr. Charles Planck and our present champion, Mr. H. E. Atkins.

Henry Augustus was appointed Chaplain to the Bengal Ecclesiastical Establishment on November 15th, 1840, but did not leave England until the following year, probably as late as May. When he reached India he was stationed at Delhi, and it was from that place that he sent the Indian chess problem in August, 1844. The Bengal Army Registers show him as being regularly stationed at Delhi until the end of 1847. He died there on January 9th, 1848, and was buried in St. James' Churchyard. Through the kindness of Lt.-Col. Thuillier, who made a special journey to Delhi, we are now able to reproduce a photograph of his tomb. The inscription on it reads:—

"This Monument was erected by his Parishioners to the Memory of the Rev. H. A. Loveday, for seven years Chaplain at this Station, who died 9th January, 1848. Aged 32 years."

Henry Augustus Loveday through his mother (Anne Louise d'Esterre) came from a Huguenot family in Ireland. The original settler, Count d'Esterre of Aix la Chapelle (supposed to be related to the Duc de Montmorency of France), came to Ireland after the revocation of the Edict of Nantes in 1685, and bought an estate at Six Mile Bridge. That he was a man of wealth is certain, for the estate brought in an income of £3,000 a year. Descendants of the family are still on the estate. A direct descendant of Mrs. Loveday's brother Samuel is, at the present time, a Doctor in London, and there are numerous descendants of her sister Alicia in Geneva, Switzerland. Alicia married Dr. John Tweedy Todd, of Berwick on Tweed, their only daughter married M. Naville, of Geneva. Two of her sons are still living, and it is to the elder of these that I am indebted for these particulars.

The Rev. Loveday, at the time of his death, had one brother and two sisters close to him. His brother, Byam Martin Loveday, was Lieut. in the 15th Regt. of Native Infantry, his sister Louise was married to Capt. John Inglis of the same regiment. Another sister was the wife of Dr. Charles Madden, Civil Surgeon at Meerut. Further he himself was married. All we know of this is an entry in a diary, kept by M. Naville's mother in 1847, which reads: "Henry, chaplain at Delhi. Married, no family."

General Lambert Loveday died at Bath, December 20th, 1843, and was buried in the Abbey Church. Mrs. Loveday also died at Bath, November 28th, 1867. J.K.

BRITISH CHESS FEDERATION.

The Executive Committee met at Anderton's Hotel, London, on Saturday, 25th July, Major Sir Richard Barnett, M.P. being in the chair.

The Secretary reported that the meetings of the National delegates at Zurich during the current week have been very successful. The constitution of the new International Chess Federation has been agreed, the terms being in accordance with the principal proposals of the B.C.F., a Permanent Invested Fund has been created, to which the B.C.F. has promised a donation of £100 and has announced the adhesion of several British players as International Life Members (including the President, the Chairman and the Secretary of the B.C.F.). A dozen influential Federations have affiliated and other similar bodies will join shortly, directly the Executives have given their formal consent.

The entries for the Stratford-on-Avon Congress are 108 in number and the selections for the premier events are as under: **BRITISH CHAMPIONSHIP**:—H. E. Atkins, Huddersfield; J. H. Blake, Surbiton; W. Gooding, London; Herbert Jacobs, London; G. W. Moses, Hemsworth; H. E. Price, Birmingham; H. Saunders, London; E. Spencer, Liverpool; F. H. Taylor, Birmingham; H. B. Uber, London; W. Winter, London; F. D. Yates, Leeds. **BRITISH LADIES' CHAMPIONSHIP**:—Miss E. E. Abraham, Herne Bay; Mrs. Banting, London; Mrs. J. Brockett, Glasgow; Miss H. F. Chater, Penzance; Miss M. D. Gilchrist, Glasgow; Miss A. E. Hook, Watford; Mrs. Houlding, Wallingford; Miss F. Hutchison-Stirling, Edinburgh; Mrs. Mitchell, Kingston-on-Thames; Miss E. C. Price, London; Mrs. A. Sollas, Oxford; Mrs. A. Stevenson, London. **MAJOR OPEN**:—W. Atkinson, Hull; J. A. J. Drewitt, Hastings; C. R. Gurnhill, Sheffield; R. E. Lean, Brighton; J. Macalister, London; J. H. Morrison, London; O. C. Muller, London; J. J. O'Hanlon, Portadown; J. E. Parry, Manchester; F. C. Short, Walsall; W. H. Warts, London; E. Snosko-Borovski, Paris.

There are in addition two full sections in each of the 1st, 2nd and 3rd Class Tournaments. L.P.R.

NEWS FROM THE BRITISH ISLES.

Southern Counties' Chess Union.—The annual meeting was held in London on June 27th, Dr. W. Mansergh Varley in the chair, supported by delegates from most of the affiliated counties.

The report of the season contained the following sentences :—

The Union championship was won by Middlesex, who will meet Yorkshire or Warwickshire in the coming autumn.

The Montague Jones cup proved a splendid competition in which each of the contending counties had a sporting chance. Somerset eventually won, beating Hampshire in the semi-final. The success of the western county is very gratifying, and is no doubt partly the result of the enterprise which has led to the arrangement of the two excellent congresses at Weston-super-Mare in 1922 and 1924.

The division of the old Metropolitan Counties' Competition into two separate events has also worked well.

Middlesex won the Amboyna shield with their 50 a-side teams, but the Ebony shield with 100 players a-side has fallen to Kent. The entry of Sussex made good sport, and all the matches were socially enjoyable apart from the keen chess played.

Major Sir Richard Barnett, who represents the Union on the executive committee of the B.C.F. is to be heartily congratulated on receiving the honour of knighthood, as is Major Montague Jones, the hon. treasurer of the Union, on being awarded the O.B.E. (military).

The balance sheet showed the sum of £5 12s. 4d. on the right side.

The following officers were elected for 1925-6: *Chairman*: F. W. Markwick (Essex). *Hon. Treasurer*: Major E. Montague Jones, O.B.E. (Herts.). *Hon. Secretary*: R. H. S. Stevenson (Kent), 45 Clapham Road, S.W.9. *Executive Committee*: The officers as before, also H. E. Dobell (Sussex), G. A. Felce (Surrey), A. G. Fellows (Herts.), G. F. Hawkins (Essex), P. J. Lawrence (Berks.). *Delegates to the Council of the British Chess Federation*: 1, Sir Richard Barnett, M.P. (Kent); 2, J. H. Blake (Hants); 3, G. F. Hawkins (Essex); 4, F. W. Markwick (Essex); 5, H. Meek (Middlesex); 6, R. H. S. Stevenson (Kent); Nos. 1 and 6 serve on the executive committee. *Hon. Auditors*: H. Meek (Middlesex) and W. Hatton Ward (Herts.).

Kent County Chess Association.—At the annual meeting held at Canterbury, with H. J. Stone in the chair, it was decided to depart from the practice of always having the meeting in the City, and to arrange it alternately in East Kent, West Kent and London. Sir William Hart Dyke was re-elected president, with Lord Dunsany as chairman of the Council and J. W. G. Jamieson as hon. secretary.

It was decided to commemorate in a permanent form the long and valued connections with the Association's activities of the late W. W. White by the institution of a quadrangular tournament. This will take place in May and June of each year and will be open to teams of 30 or more representing East Kent, West Kent, Mid Kent

and Metropolitan Kent. Subscriptions are appealed for to provide a suitable trophy.

In view of a further revival of chess in East Kent, a special championship for that district is being arranged.

The championship of Northamptonshire has been won by J. S. Burlingham, who beat last year's holder, J. S. Greeves, by 2—1 in the final.

Leading scores in the Surrey championship.—Section A : F. F. L. Alexander 7 (8), A. Fletcher $6\frac{1}{2}$ (8), G. A. Felce 6 (8). Section B : T. H. Robertson 6 (7), H. C. Griffiths 5 (6), W. L. Brierley 4 (6).

Slater-Kennington Cup.—Section A : F. E. Yewdall 4 (5), E. Chart $4\frac{1}{2}$ (6). Section B : P. Titley 6 (8), F. Hodge 5 (7).

Felce Cup.—W. P. Willis $4\frac{1}{2}$ (5).

Wernick Cup.—Section A : W. C. Pressey 4 (5). Section B : C. Harnden $4\frac{1}{2}$ (6).

Essex County Championship.—Entries for this event which carries with it possession for the year of the R. A. Jones cup should be sent before September 1st, to F. W. Markwick, hon. secretary, "Rookfield," Olivia Drive, Leigh-on-Sea.

The North Gloucestershire Chess Association held its annual summer festival on June 30th in the grounds of "Hillgrove," the residence of Capt. Gorton, president of the Gloucestershire County Chess Association. Prizes were offered in all of the events : progressive chess, school boys' match, match—married *v.* single, and a simultaneous exhibition by the county champion. Capt. Gorton provided a generous tea, after which the cups won in the North Gloucestershire Chess League were presented, the Foxwell cup in Division I going to Gloucester City and the Morton cup in Division II to Stroud II. The occasion was taken advantage of for the public presentation to Mr. Parsbo, of Cheltenham, of the Individual championship cup recently presented by Mr. Crawford, of Bristol.

City of London C.C.—The seventy-second annual general meeting took place on Wednesday, June 24th, when C. D. Morton was re-elected president, with Major Sir R. W. Barnett, M.P., Hon. F. G. Hamilton-Russell, Sir George Thomas, Bart., H. Ward, L.C.C., and Herbert Jacobs, B.A., as vice-presidents. J. Walter Russell was re-elected hon. secretary for the thirty-first year—a record! Chief tourney results were : Sir George Thomas won the championship (for the seventh time), M. E. Goldstein the junior championship, F. Clarke-Willey the second-class tourney, A. G. Falkner the third-class, E. C. Newbold the fourth-class, and B. J. Mooney the Murton cup handicap. In memory of the late Mrs. W. J. Baird, the famous lady problemist, her daughter, Mrs. Lilian E. Strong, has given the City of London Chess Club a large and beautiful silver Queen, to which is attached a miniature of the "Queen of Chess."

North London v. Hastings and St. Leonards. Played at Hastings,
June 13th, 1925.

NORTH LONDON.					HASTINGS AND ST. LEONARDS.						
1	L. C. G. Dewing	..	..	..	1	H. E. Dobell	..	..	..	0	
2	E. J. Randall	..	..	..	1	W. H. King	..	..	..	0	
3	L. Klein	..	..	..	1	J. A. Watt	..	..	..	0	
4	A. E. Chapple	..	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	H. W. W. Hore	..	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	
5	C. E. Harris	..	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	W. H. Wicher	..	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	
6	E. A. Cave	..	..	..	0	Miss Menchik	..	..	..	1	
7	F. Sisley	..	..	..	1	E. J. Merrill	..	..	..	0	
8	L. T. Lake	..	..	..	0	V. S. Ward	..	..	..	1	
					5						3

The inter-collegiate tournament was won by University College with 6 points out of 6, followed by King's with $4\frac{1}{2}$, and East London with 4. The Individual championship was won by J. A. Allcock (University College). The following officers for 1925-26 were elected: secretary, J. A. Allcock; assistant secretary, E. J. Scrimgeour (London School of Economics); match captain, L. Piyamedhi (Battersea Polytechnic).

There will be fifteen members of the Imperial Chess Club at the Stratford congress.

The championship of the club was won by H. E. Tudor, whose steady and painstaking play has placed him first among the fourteen entrants. R. Spitz made a good second. Last year's winner, Dr. V. H. Rutherford was not in the prize list.

The names of the Right Hon. Viscount Ullswater, G.C.B., Sir Horace Plunkett, K.C.V.O., and Sir Edgar Wigram, Bart., were added to the distinguished list of vice-presidents, in which Sir Richard Barnett, M.P., appears with his new honour.

It was freely stated that one of the most attractive features of the club is its very comfortable and well-appointed room at 62 Brook Street. The subscription remains at 3 guineas a year, the new season commencing on October 1st.

Portsmouth Chess Club.—The championship was won (for the third time in four years) by A. Hayes with a score of $11\frac{1}{2}$ out of 14. W. H. Pratten (the 17-year-old British Boys' champion) was second, with $10\frac{1}{2}$ points, and H. A. Way third, with 9. This was Pratten's first attempt at the championship, and his high position is all the more remarkable as the competitors included four ex-champions, in addition to the holder. Pratten is entirely self-taught and only learnt the moves three years ago. He has a remarkable knowledge of the theory of the game, and, in particular, of the openings.

The Continuous tourney was won by R. Densham, and the Handicap and Minor championship tourneys by G. N. Futchter, with the magnificent score, in the latter tourney of 15 points out of a possible 16. He also finished fourth in the Continuous tourney.



Maltby School Chess.—The fourth competition of Maltby Senior Boys' School has just been completed. It attracted a record entry of 51, the players being drawn from six different classes.

As was the case in the third contest, the finalists were C. Bagshaw and L. Hopkinson, and Bagshaw was successful for the second time, retaining the title by two victories out of three.

Our best thanks are due to the proprietors of the *Sheffield Telegraph* for the loan of the photo block.

Early in July the Dean of Rochester entertained the members of the local club to a garden party in the Deanery grounds, when several consultation games were played. The Dean gave the cup (which he himself has presented), to W. T. Hurley, winner of the championship for 1924-5.

Earlier in the afternoon an interesting game was played between Lady Goodenough, wife of Admiral Sir William Goodenough, and her host, which ended in a draw.

Lady Goodenough has joined the Rochester Chess Club and thus becomes a member of Kent County Chess Association.

Brighton (Christ Church) v. Battersea.—G. Wernick, the Battersea secretary, took a good team of 32 players to Brighton on Saturday, July 4th, and beat the local contingent by 19 to 13. Score:—

BATTERSEA.				CHRIST CHURCH.				
1	G. Wernick	..	..	1	R. E. Lean	..	..	0
2	R. H. S. Stevenson	..	..	1	J. Storr-Best	..	..	0
3	R. H. Birch	..	..	0	F. Brook	..	..	1
4	G. F. Mitchell	..	..	1	Major C. H. Chepmell	..	..	0
5	O. Henke	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	E. G. Reed	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$
6	A. D. Barlow	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	A. T. Watson	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$
7	G. Hills	..	..	0	G. V. Butler	..	..	1
8	H. Evans	..	..	1	C. F. Chapman	..	..	0
9	S. P. Lees	..	..	1	H. W. Butler	..	..	0
10	W. P. Plummer	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	H. T. Grover	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$
11	H. S. Anderson	..	..	0	J. Chandler	..	..	1
12	D. O'Keefe	..	..	1	A. Chukerbutty	..	..	0
13	A. H. Thomas, junr.	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	E. E. Stockens	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$
14	W. Evans	..	..	0	G. E. Smith	..	..	1
15	F. E. Ward	..	..	1	Rev. A. D. Woolley	..	..	0
16	W. J. Dann	..	..	0	G. E. Wright	..	..	1
17	F. Gibson	..	..	*0	G. C. Garland	..	..	*1
18	A. E. Newton	..	..	0	D. H. Caw	..	..	1
19	A. W. Gresty	..	..	0	A. B. Goodfellow	..	..	1
20	G. Adolphus	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	A. L. B. Tindall	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$
21	A. H. Butterworth	..	..	1	Dr. C. E. Whitcher	..	..	0
22	J. D. Ballintine	..	..	0	W. E. Hollingdale	..	..	1
23	F. G. Butters	..	..	1	W. G. Evans	..	..	0
24	R. E. Patrick	..	..	0	J. White	..	..	1
25	A. H. Thomas, senr.	..	..	1	C. R. C. Farmer	..	..	0
26	W. J. Randall	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	W. Willett	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$
27	A. Rooke	..	..	1	V. Schieldkamp	..	..	0
28	F. A. Gomm	..	..	1	E. Brien	..	..	0
29	S. J. Wittroil	..	..	1	H. Sherwin	..	..	0
30	W. J. Bishop	..	..	1	G. Levick	..	..	0
31	Rev. R. Mitchell	..	..	1	L. Haber	..	..	0
32	W. Barnes	..	..	*1	H. Newby	..	..	*0

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*Adjudicated.

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Dorking Chess Club.—The Dorking Chess Club, which was founded in 1922 by the Rev. A. C. Nickol, Vicar of St. Paul's, Dorking, opens its 1925-26 season on Tuesday, October 6th. The president is the Rev. A. C. Nickol, and the hon. secretary, G. A. Relleen, 84 Newer Road. The club meets on Tuesdays and Fridays from 7-30 to 10-30 p.m. at the S. Paul's Men's Club, Horsham Road. The subscription is 7/6 (under 21, 5/-). In the two Club competitions of 1924-25, the president won the American tournament, winning every game except one which was drawn. The winner of the Handicap competition was H. J. Hutton.

The championship of Brighton has been won by the veteran, H. Castle Leaver, who wrested the position from J. Storr Best in a final game which ran into 59 moves.

Mr. Arthur Firth informs us that the monthly social chess meeting at Craigside from the 10th to the 13th of July proved quite a success.

Amongst those present were T. H. Tylor (Oxford), H. E. Price (Birmingham), H. H. Norman (Wolverhampton), E. Spencer (Liverpool), and H. G. Rhodes (Southport).

There were also two or three other good players, and altogether the meeting was a most enjoyable one. A special effort will be made next autumn to get these meetings more widely known and to see if it is possible to give chessplayers the advantage of special terms, particulars of which will be notified later.

We hear that several chessplayers have noticed the paragraph about Beautiful Buttermere on the inside of the back cover and have paid a visit to this lovely spot in the lake district. It only needed a caissic welcome added to the wild scenery, bracing mountain air, and fairylike surroundings to make this popular resort as near perfection as is humanly possible. The Victoria Hotel is so modern and comfortable and the charges so moderate that we hope to hear before long of a series of official chess gatherings at Buttermere.



MRS. M. M. RITCHIE
Scottish Lady Champion; Lady
Champion of Edinburgh with Mrs.
Coast.

Last month (p. 305) we chronicled the winning of the Scottish Ladies' championship by Mrs. Ritchie. That lady has added to her successes by tying for the championship of Edinburgh with Mrs. Coast. The play off was also a tie, so both ladies' names will be inscribed on the trophy as champions *ex æquo*.

Chess in Ireland.—The Irish chess championship will be decided in Dublin during the week September 28th to October 3rd. This decision was reached at a meeting of the Executive Council of the Irish Chess Union at Dundalk, J. J. O'Hanlon (Ulster) (for several years champion), in the chair. The present holder of the title is Mr. Philip Baker, of the Sackville (Dublin) Club, who, last year, wrested it

from T. G. Cranston (Dublin Chess Club). Following precedent, the winner of the championship will be entitled to a gold medal. Leinster and Ulster Unions will nominate three and Munster and Connaught Unions two representatives each. Entrants must be of Irish birth, or resident in the country for two years. Next year the championship will be decided in Belfast.

It was also decided to hold an Open Major tourney, thus making a special "chess week," following on the lines of the Tailteann chess last August. It was agreed that the British Chess Rules (1924) should be adopted and should govern the games in all the championships associated with Irish Chess Union, which embraces all the leading clubs.

Chess Championship of Belfast.—The annual tournament for the Williamson shield and chess championship of Belfast was decided on Saturday, June 27th, when it was won for the third time by W. J. Allen. One game still remained to be played, but it will not affect the result. The following table shows the complete score:—

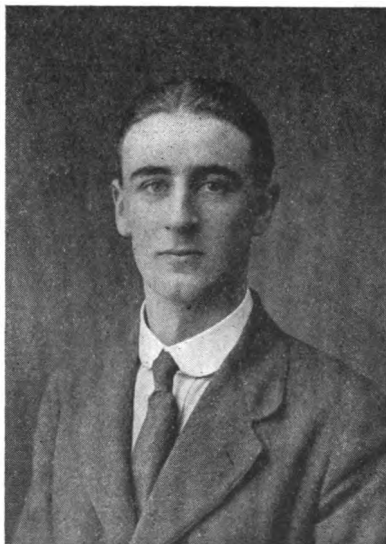
	1	2	3	4	T'l.
1 W. J. Allen		11	01	$\frac{1}{2}\frac{1}{2}$	4
2 A. Orr	00		11	10	3
3 P. J. McMahon	10	00		1*	2
4 R. A. Heaney	$\frac{1}{2}\frac{1}{2}$	01	0*..		2

* Not played.

We have pleasure in giving a picture of Lionel F. Papé, who has won the championship of the Tunbridge Wells Chess Club at the age of 17. This performance is all the more remarkable on account of the strong entry, which included W. M. Brooke, E. L. Nickels, F. C. Papé (Father!) Dr. Grace and F. H. Jacobs.

L. F. Papé, who has now left the Skinners' School, Tunbridge Wells, is studying for his Matriculation, reached the final of the Hastings Boys' championship in 1924, but could not compete last Easter.

The Kent County officials are anxiously hoping he will have the time and inclination to continue his interest in the game. Given this he will reach the top at quite an early date.



LIONEL F. PAPÉ

The competition for the Hamilton-Russell cup for 1924-25, between the National Liberal Club and the Royal Automobile Club, has ended in the victory of the former. At the close of the season's play the scores of the two clubs were even, and the first match to decide the tie was drawn, but the second match was concluded at the Royal Automobile Club on July 15th, the National Liberal Club winning, and thus becoming the holder of the cup for the second year in succession. Score :—

NATIONAL LIBERAL CLUB.				ROYAL AUTOMOBILE CLUB.			
1	B. E. Siegheim	..	..	1	R. Eastman	..	..
2	V. A. Halford	..	..	0	J. H. Morrison	..	..
3	F. A. Eve	..	..	1	G. E. Fulstow	..	..
4	Dr. J. Schumer	..	..	1	E. Titley	..	..
5	F. G. Stratton	..	..	0	Capt. P. Titley	..	..
6	F. Salmony	..	..	1	P. S. Harding	..	..
				4			
							2

The entries for the B.C.F. congress at Stratford-on-Avon number just over 100, and although no foreign competitors have entered for the Major tourney, probably due to the tournaments abroad, the general strength is fairly well up to the usual level. It will be regretted that Sir G. A. Thomas, who is going on a badminton tour in the States, R. P. Michell, unable to take his holiday in August, nor R. H. V. Scott are competing for the championship. Nor has W. A. Fairhurst entered, but readers will be glad to learn that the present holder, H. E. Atkins has again entered, as also F. D. Yates, whose recent fine play in foreign tournaments will have given him just the right sort of practice for the congress. A new entrant is T. H. Tylor, the strong Oxford University and Birmingham player, whose eyesight, however, handicaps him considerably. He will, we predict, make the more fancied representatives go all the way to beat him. On account of the lack of foreign entries, the Major Open is not as strong as usual, but E. Znosko-Borovsky has entered. The ladies are again represented by the usual well-known players, and we fancy the chance of Miss Price, the holder, but we can well believe that the past champions will not permit her a runaway victory. Miss Chater, of Penzance, a member of the Hampstead Chess Club, is a new comer, who may take a game or two from some of the more experienced competitors. Miss Vera Menchik, the Russian girl player from Hastings, is competing in the First Class, and her progress will be followed with much interest by many friends.

There will be two First Class Sections of twelve players each, and here will also be found Sir Richard Barnett, M.P., Colonel Stuart Prince (once of Kenya, but now living on the Riviera), and H. A. Turriff, who had an unbeaten record at Southport last year.

Plays which may be seen at the Memorial Theatre during the congress fortnight, include *King John* (August 19th), *Julius Cæsar* (22nd and 28th), *Macbeth* (20th), *Love's Labour Lost* (18th), and *A Winter's Tale* (25th).

A unique chess match took place on Clapham Common on Saturday, July 28th, between teams representing the South London League and the Clapham Common Open Air Club. The result was a victory for the South London League by $11\frac{1}{2}$ games to $4\frac{1}{2}$.

The officers of the Cambridge University Chess Club for the season 1925-6 are as follows : President, A. R. B. Thomas (St. John's) ; vice-president, G. G. Hewson (St. Catherine's) ; treasurer, Rev. W. Harvey (Fitzwilliam House) ; secretary, M. A. Vernon (Trinity) ; assistant treasurer, P. Sherman (Trinity) ; extra committee man, H. J. C. Herrick (St. John's).

OBITUARY.

The death occurred, early in June, of Fred G. Bowles, the poet and song writer of West Hartlepool. Always a keen chessplayer, his efforts in the direction of the game have been completely overshadowed by his fame as a lyrist. He once wrote a little poem on chess which was set to music. Although an extremely modest man, his name is known all over the world. The *Northern Daily Mail* states that his first book was entitled *In the Wake of the Sun*, and of this Mr. Richard de Gallienne wrote, "Mr. Bowles' poetry has haunted me, sung itself to me again in omnibuses and hummed like a friend at my side in crowded thoroughfares. He once translated her poems, for Carmen Sylva, Queen of Roumania.

Percy Rawle Gibbs died on June 30th after a long and painful illness and was buried at St. Peter's Church, Walthamstow.

A real chess enthusiast, he played an important part in Metropolitan Circles for 25 years. Though born in Kent, most of his work was identified with Essex, of which county he was hon. secretary for some years. A strong player when really on his game, he won the Murton Cup at the City of London Chess Club in 1907 and 1908.

He took more kindly, however, to quick play, and was a formidable opponent in Lightning tournaments. He will always rank as one of the most resourceful players who ever took up Kriegspiel, of which game he might be called a master.

At the Combined and Sussex congress at Hastings in May, 1913, he entered for, and won the championship of Kent, playing for that county in cup matches for some few years later.

He played in the First Class tournaments of the British Chess Federation at Crystal Palace in 1907 and Tunbridge Wells in 1908.

Mr. Gibbs took a great interest in chess organisation and was always a liberal supporter of any enterprise which met with his approval. He was a delightful companion personally, and always cheery and quick at repartee, and a clever card and domino player. He was a solicitor by profession, his office being in Arundel Street, Strand.

We regret to record the death of Major R. E. Odum, President of Sackville Chess Club, and a member of the Committee of the Irish Chess Association.

Miss A. M. Gooding, of Cheltenham, died on July 10th. A great enthusiast and lifelong worker for the cause of chess. She will be very greatly missed. She competed several times in the British Ladies' Championship and when in form was a first-class player. Her father, Dr. Gooding, was also a fine player and the founder of Cheltenham Club.

As we go to press we hear with great regret of the sudden death of F. L. Armstrong after an operation. For many years he played at a high board for Surrey and for the Lud-Eagle Chess Club, and was prominent in the doings of the London Chess League.

NEWS FROM THE DOMINIONS AND FOREIGN LANDS.

Canada.—The British Columbia championship tournament was held at Vancouver this Eastertide, and resulted as follows : 1, M. Enke (Victoria), 6 points ; 2, E. R. Sugarman (Vancouver), 5 ; 3, W. J. Barker (Victoria), $3\frac{1}{2}$; 4, C. F. Miller (Vancouver), 3 ; 5, B. A. Yates (Vancouver), $2\frac{1}{2}$. Sugarman scored against Miller and Yates by default.

This was the first year that the new Ewing cup has been played for, having been presented by J. M. Ewing, winner outright of the previous trophy, the Bowser shield.

The B.C. champions for the ten years previous to the present year have been : 1915, Dr. S. F. Smith ; 1916, J. M. Ewing ; 1917-18, B. A. Yates ; 1919-23, J. M. Ewing ; 1924, W. J. Barker.

Australia.—W. F. Coultas has won the Victorian championship with a score of 11 out of a possible 14 points. He is an ex-holder of the title, having won it in 1909.

The other scores were : M. Fox, 10 ; S. Merkel, $9\frac{1}{2}$; M. Read and E. Staines, $6\frac{1}{2}$ each ; M. Bannan and A. Burr, 5 each ; C. Moulin, $2\frac{1}{2}$.

Tasmania.—E. Ingledew retains the championship. In the tournament at Hobart at Easter he tied with O. Vince, 6 points each, and beat him in the tie-match 2—0.

New Zealand.—The N.Z. club championship this year will be contested by Auckland, Canterbury, Otago and Wellington only. Nelson's fixtures being limited to Canterbury and Oamara.

South Africa.—The Southern Hemisphere tournament is apparently declared off. In the absence of a South African Chess Federation it is difficult to see how the idea of such a contest could have materialised.

India.—Kostich won the Bombay tournament with a clean score of 8 points, defeating Khadilkar in the last round. He then proceeded to Patiala, where he was the guest of the Maharaja. At the request of H.H. he has arranged a tournament of 11 players—himself and the following 10 native experts: Kishen Lall and Dutt (Calcutta), Khadilkar and Morbhat (Sangli), Joshi (Poona), Alurkar (Bombay), Gurbakhoh and Chadju Ram (Jullunder), Gurdas Mall (Lyallpur), and Aziz-ud-Din (Rampur).

This news reaches us through *The East African Standard*.

From a press telegram, dated Simla, June 15th (of which a copy was kindly sent us by a Calcutta subscriber) we learn that the prizes in this tournament, held at Chail, went as follows: I, Joshi (Poona); II, Kostich; III, Kishen Lall (Muttra); IV, Alurkar (Bombay); V, Bodas (Sangli) and Gurbakhoh Rai (Jullunder) divided.

The fact that Kostich did not win first prize and that Khadilkar was not in the prize-list throws new light on the strength of Indian chess.

The Maharaja of Patiala, who presented the prizes, has expressed his desire to make the tournament an annual one.

Through an exchange we get the final leading scores in the Bombay tournament as follows: I, Kostich, $7\frac{1}{2}$; II-III, Alurkar and Joshi, $5\frac{1}{2}$; IV, Khadilkar, 5.

Barbados.—On July 10th the president of the Barbados C.C., the Rev. J. Evans Walcott, celebrated his eightieth birthday. This widely respected veteran has been a lifelong devotee to the game, and is still very keen.

Mr. J. S. Sainsbury, a judge of the Court of Appeal, is to be in England early this month, and it is hoped that he will put in an appearance at Stratford-on-Avon.

United States.—A match for the California State championship between S. Mlotkowski and E. F. Schrader was won by the former, 5—0; though he tells us that the victory was by no means as easy as the score would indicate.

This year's championship tournament will be held at Los Angeles, beginning on August 16th.

France.—Alekhine, who played at Marienbad as representative of France, was, at a luncheon at Buttes-Chaumont on June 20th, presented with a handsome medal in commemoration of his great victory. In his speech of thanks he declared that he now considers France his own country.

The chessplayers of the Académie Ludo have now formed themselves unto a separate club under the name of the Cercle d'Echecs de Lutèce.

Germany.—The jubilee of the Darmstadt C.C. was celebrated June 13th to 21st, when a tournament for the championship of Hesse was won by W. Orbach. An inter-city contest between Darmstadt, Giessen, Mainz and Offenbach was won by Giessen.

From the list of competitors in the international contest at Breslau, given in our last issue, the names of Euwe, Hilse and Torre have been withdrawn, their places being taken by M. Blumich, E. Bogoljuboff and A. Rubinstein.

Austria.—Vienna, between May 30th and June 6th, entertained teams of four each from Berlin, Budapest and Prague. In a quadrangular tournament the home players (Becker, S. R. Wolf, Gruber and König) won two matches and drew with Budapest. Prague was second with two wins and a loss, Budapest third with a win, a draw and a loss; while Berlin, weakly represented, lost all four matches.

Czecho-Slovakia.—The brilliancy prizes at Marienbad have been awarded to Marshall (v. Yates); Janowski (v. Sämisch and Michell); Rubinstein (v. Przepiorka, Janowski and Tartakover); Reti (v. Przepiorka); Nimzovitch (v. Rubinstein and Michell); and Haida (v. Przepiorka).

In a master tournament at Brünn with seventeen competitors the winners were: Berger (12 points); Pavelezak (12); Teller (10½); Pokorny (10); Perna (9); Hockwald and Kopriva (8); and Steiner (7½).

Yugoslavia.—The match between Dr. Vidmar and Dr. Asztalos was broken off at the stage mentioned in our June issue, owing to the illness of the latter.

Russia.—The fourth national tournament (under the present regime) will begin on August 1st, with twenty competitors, who are expected to include Bogoljuboff and Selesnieff.

On November 1st an international masters' tournament is timed to begin in Moscow. Dr. Lasker, Rubinstein, Tartakover, Grünfeld, Reti, Spielmann and Bogoljuboff have accepted invitations to compete. Capablanca was also invited.

A Chess Academy has been officially constituted, with Dus-Chotimirski and Selesnieff among the professors. Three months' courses of instruction will be given. We do not hear whether there are to be any examinations. We could conceive them being very interesting.

With reference to what we said about Teichmann having been suspected of English sympathy, the *Deutsches Wochenschach* states that there is a simpler explanation for his absence from Germany during the War, viz., that he had not performed his military duties earlier in life, and so was liable to arrest on entering Germany.

GAME DEPARTMENT.

GAME No. 5419.

Three games from the Baden-Baden Tournament. Notes by J. H. Blake.

Queen's Pawn Game.

WHITE	BLACK
E. RABINOVITCH	A. NIMZOVITCH
1 P—Q 4	1 Kt—K B 3
2 P—Q B 4	2 P—K 3
3 Kt—K B 3	3 P—Q Kt 3
4 Kt—B 3	4 B—Kt 2
5 B—Kt 5	5 P—K R 3
6 B—R 4	6 B—K 2
7 P—K 3	7 P—Q 3
8 B—Q 3	8 Q Kt—Q 2
9 Castles	9 Castles
10 Q—K 2	10 P—K 4

.....Black afterwards thought that he should have played 10.., Kt—R 4 or 10.., P—B 3 and 11.., Q—B 2.

11 P×P 11 B×Kt

.....Not 11.., Kt×P because of 12 Kt×Kt, P×Kt; 13 Q R—Q 1.

12 P×B

Not 12 P×Kt, B×P; 13 B×B, B×Q; 14 B×Q, B×R and wins.

13 B×Kt	12 Kt×P
14 B—K 4	13 B×B
15 Q R—Q 1	14 R—Kt 1
16 Kt—Q 5	15 Kt—Q 2
17 B—Kt 1	16 Kt—B 4
18 K—R 1	17 P—Q R 4.
19 R—K Kt 1	18 P—Kt 3
20 R—Kt 3	19 B—Kt 2
21 Kt—B 4	20 P—Q B 3
22 Q—B 2	21 R—Kt 2!
23 P—Kt 3	22 Q—B 3

He could play 23 Kt—R 5, Q×Kt P; 24 Kt×B, Q×Q; 25 B×Q, K×Kt; 26 R×Q P, R—B 2; 27 P—B 5; but then 27.., Kt—Kt 2 defeats his plan and leaves Black stronger on the Queen's wing.

23 R—K 1
24 Kt—K 2

Thinking to get the Knight in at Q 4; but he finds this will enable Black to release his game by .., P—Q 4, and changes his mind.

25 R—Q 2	24 R—Q 2
26 Kt—B 4	25 K R—Q 1
27 Q—Q 1	26 K—B 1
28 Q—K Kt 1	27 P—R 4!
29 Kt—K 2	28 B—R 3

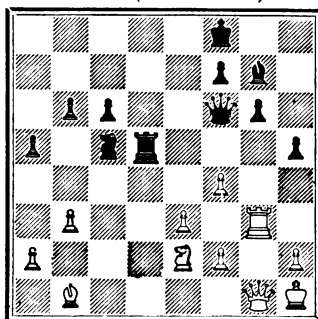
It is now clear that time has been lost, but very hard to say what good alternatives White had.

30 P×P	29 P—Q 4
31 R×R	30 R×P
32 P—B 4	31 R×R

If 32 Kt—Q 4, B—B 5! 33 R—Kt 2, B—K 4 with advantage 32 B—Kt 2.

Position after 32.., B—Kt 2.

BLACK (NIMZOVITCH)



WHITE (RABINOVITCH)

33 Q—Q B 1

33 P—K 4, R—Q 7; 34 P—K 5, Q—Q 1 leaves White's Pawns

too weak. The sacrifice 33 B×P, P—R 5! 34 R—Kt 4, P×B; 35 R×P, is also not good enough; Black gives the following as the continuation: 35... Q—B 4; 36 R×B, Q—K 5 ch; 37 Q—Kt 2, R—Q 8 ch; 38 Kt—Kt 1, P—R 6! 39 Q×Q, Kt×Q and wins.

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| 34 B—B 2 | 33 Q—Q 3 |
| 35 R—Kt 2 | 34 Kt—K 5! |
| 36 Kt—Kt 1 | 35 P—K R 5 |
| 37 P—R 4 | 36 Kt—B 6 |
| 38 Q—B 1 | 37 Kt—R 7 |
| | 38 Kt—Kt 5 |

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|------------|------------|
| 39 B—K 4 | 39 R—Q 8 |
| 40 Q—B 4 | 40 P—K B 4 |
| 41 B—B 3 | 41 P—R 6 |
| 42 R—Kt 3 | 42 Kt—Q 6 |
| 43 Q—B 2 | 43 R—Q B 8 |
| 44 Q—K 2 | 44 R—Kt 8 |
| 45 Resigns | |

For if 45 R×R P, R—Kt 7; 46 Q—B 1, Kt×P ch; 47 K—Kt 2, Kt×R; 48 K×Kt, R×Kt P, and wins easily. Black's last dozen moves present a very fine example of the accurate timing of moves in a winning attack.

GAME NO. 5,420.

Queen's Pawn Game (*Buda-Pesth Defence*).

- | WHITE | BLACK |
|-------------|----------------|
| A. ALEKHINE | E. RABINOVITCH |
| 1 P—Q 4 | 1 Kt—K B 3 |
| 2 P—Q B 4 | 2 P—K 4 |
| 3 P×P | 3 Kt—Kt 5 |
| 4 P—K 4 | |

Attempts to maintain the Pawn give Black a good attack, but this simple developing move leaves White with the better game.

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|---------|-----------|
| 5 P—B 4 | 4 Kt×K P |
| | 5 Kt—Kt 3 |

.....5... K Kt—B 3 leaves his King's side inadequately covered, besides blocking the other wing.

- 6 K Kt—B 3

Early analyses gave 6 B—K 3, on the ground that White dare not permit 6... B—B 4; but it would appear from the present game that White can safely postpone that precaution.

- 6 B—B 4

.....6... Kt—B 3, to maintain command of K 4, is called for.

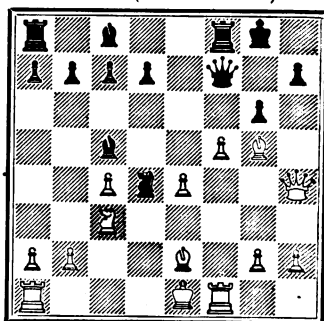
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| 7 P—B 5 | 7 Kt—R 5 |
| | 7... Kt—K 2 is very cramping, but nevertheless better. |
| 8 Kt—Kt 5 | 8 Q—K 2 |

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|-------------|-------------|
| 9 Q—Kt 4 | 9 P—K B 3 |
| 10 Q—R 5 ch | 10 P—K Kt 3 |
| 11 Q×Kt | 11 P×Kt |
| 12 B×P | 12 Q—B 2 |
| 13 B—K 2 | 13 Castles |
| 14 R—B 1 | 14 Kt—B 3 |
| 15 Kt—B 3 | 15 Kt—Q 5 |

.....15... P—Q 3 breaks down against 16 B—R 6 and 17 P×P.

Position after 15... Kt—Q 5.

BLACK (RABINOVITCH)



WHITE (ALEKHINE)

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|------------|-----------|
| 16 P×P | 16 Q×P |
| 17 R×R ch | 17 B×R |
| 18 B—R 5 | 18 Q—Kt 3 |
| 19 Castles | 19 B—Kt 2 |
| 20 R—B 1 | 20 Kt—K 3 |

21 B—B 7 ch 21 K—R 1
 22 B×Kt 22 Q×B
 23 B—B 6 23 Resigns
There is nothing to be
 done. If 23..., Q—B 2; 24

B×B ch, Q×B; 25 Q—Q 8 ch,
 etc. If 23..., B×B; 24 R×B,
 Q—K 1; 25 Kt—Q 5, etc. If
 23..., P—Q 3; 24 B×B ch, K×
 B; 25 Q—Kt 5 ch, Q—Kt 3; 26
 Q—K 7 ch, etc.

GAME No. 5,421.

Notes condensed from those by Dr. S. Tartakover, in *Kagan's
 Neueste Schachnachrichten*.

Queen's Pawn Game (Dutch Defence).

WHITE	BLACK
Dr. S. TARTAKOVER	J. MIESES
1 P—Q 4	1 P—K B 4
2 P—K 4	2 P×P
3 Kt—Q B 3	3 Kt—K B 3
4 P—K Kt 4	

An important novelty, first
 published by the *Rotterdamsch
 Schacknieuws*.

4 P—Q 4

.....In order to keep his Pawn
 booty. Perhaps the most double-
 edged reply was 4..., P—K R 3;
 then 5 P—Kt 5, P×P; 6 B×P,
 P—Q 4; White would then have
 to be content with having shaken
 up Black's King's wing, and
 continue 6 Q—Q 2, and Castles,
 with quick development.

5 P—Kt 5 5 Kt—Kt 1

Perhaps he could play 5...,
 B—Kt 5; 6 B—K 2, B×B;
 7 Q×B, Kt—Kt 1, with a little
 relief.

6 P—B 3 6 P×P

.....If 6..., B—B 4, 7 P×P;
 8 B—Q B 4, White has an ideal
 attacking position. The plan by
 which Black, on a full board, now
 becomes more and more tied up, is
 an instructive example of middle
 game strategy.

7 Q×P 7 P—K 3
 8 B—Q 3 8 P—K Kt 3
 9 K Kt—K 2

It is interesting that this quiet
 continuation is of sinister force,

whilst the plausible 9 P—K R 4
 only helps Black; e.g., 9 P—
 K R 4, Kt—K 2; 10 P—R 5,
 B—Kt 2; 12 K Kt—K 2, R—
 B 1, ec.

9 Q—K 2

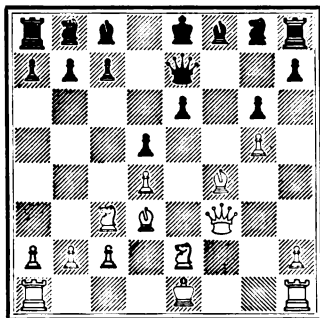
.....Stronger than 9..., B—
 Kt 2, as it threatens, if 10 P—
 K R 4, to gain time by 10...,
 Q—B 2; he also hopes to keep
 command of the important Q 3
 square until he can Castle Q R;
 this White defeats by the ensuing
 manoeuvre.

10 B—K B 4

The apparently unimportant
 transposition of moves by 10
 Castles, P—B 3; 11 B—B 4,
 Kt—Q 2! would hinder White's
 plan of B—K 5, and enable Black
 to overcome his chief dangers.

Position after 10 B—K B 4.

BLACK (MIESES)



WHITE (TARTAKOVER)

11 B—K 5 10 P—B 3

The point! Black must now play 11..., B—Kt 2, and thereby give up command of his Q 3 square.

12 Q—Kt 3 11 B—Kt 2

This, and not the more obvious 12 Q—B 4, is correct, for after 12 Q—B 4, Kt—Q 2; 13 B—Q 6, Q—B 2, Black gains valuable time.

12 Kt—Q R 3
.....If 12..., Kt—Q 2; 13 B—Q 6, Q—Q 1; 14 R—K B 1, Kt—B 1 (...), Kt—K 2; 15 B—B 7; or 14..., P—K 4; 15 Q—B 2; 15 B×Kt, B×B; 16 Q—K 5, winning the Rook.

13 Castles

The deathblow! Castling is here more precise than 13 R—K B 1, as it hinders Black from taking a simplifying line thus:

13 R—K B 1, Kt—Kt 5; 14 B—Q 6, Kt×B ch; 15 P×Kt, Q—Q 1; 16 Q—B 4, Kt—K 2; 17 Q—B 7 ch, K—Q 2; 18 Q—Kt 7, K—Q 3, etc.

13 B—Q 2

There is no comfort in 13..., P—K R 3; 14 B×P ch, K—Q 1; 15 B×B, Q×B; 16 Q—Q 6 ch, and 17 R—B 8 ch. 13..., Q—Q 2 brings disaster by 14 R—B 2, P—Kt 5; 15 Q R—K B 1, B—Kt 2; 16 R—B 7, Q×R; 17 R×Q, K×R; 18 R×B, K×B; 19 Q—K 5 ch, etc. If 13..., P—Q Kt 3 White can either proceed by the same Rook doubling method, or by 14 Kt—Kt 5, P×Kt; 15 B×P ch, K—Q 1; 16 B×B, Q×B; 17 Q—Q 6 ch, etc.

14 B—Q 6 14 Q—Q 1
15 Q—B 4 15 Resigns

.....The double threat of 16 Q—B 7 ch and 16 Q—B 8 ch can only be parried by giving up a piece.

GAME NO. 5,422.

Played in the match referred to on p. 273. Notes by J. H. Blake.

Queen's Gambit Declined.

WHITE	BLACK
Dr. M. VIDMAR	Dr. ASZTALOS
1 P—Q 4	1 P—Q 4
2 P—Q B 4	2 P—Q B 3
3 P—K 3	3 Kt—K B 3
4 Kt—Q B 3	4 P—K 3
5 Kt—B 3	5 Q Kt—Q 2
6 B—Q 3	6 P×P

.....The sequence of Black moves which follows was played by Dr. Perlis at Ostend in 1906, but then attracted little notice. It was revived by Rubinstein at Meran last year, and has since been approved by several high authorities.

7 B×P	7 P—Q Kt 4
8 B—Q 3	8 P—Q R 3

9 Castles	9 P—B 4
10 Q—K 2	10 B—Kt 2
11 R—Q 1	11 Q—B 2?
12 B—Q 2	

Tarrasch v. Grünfeld (at Meran) was continued 12 P—K 4, P×P; 13 Kt×Q P, B—Q 3, and Black is at no disadvantage. Dr. Vidmar's line goes to suggest that the Black Queen should go to Kt 3 at move 11.

	12 B—Q 3
13 Q R—B 1	13 Q—Kt 3

.....The alternative of 13..., P—B 5 leaves White in full control of the centre.

14 B—Kt 1	14 Castles K R
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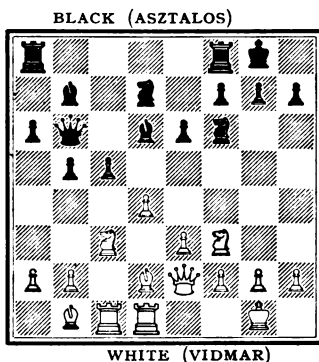
(See Diagram)

- 15 P—K 4 15 P—K 4
If 15... P×P; 16 Kt×
 P, Q×Kt; 17 B—B 4.
 16 P×B P 16 Q Kt×P

It would be better to take with Bishop, but White then gets a powerful attack by 17 Kt—Q 5; the move lost by the Black Queen, preventing his having the Queen's Rook in play, makes all the difference here. The Knight capture loses a piece.

- 17 B—K 3 17 Kt—Kt 5
 18 P—Kt 4 18 Kt×B
 19 Q×Kt 19 Resigns

Position after 14... Castles.



GAME No. 5,423.

Played at Zagreb in February last. Notes by J. H. B.

Queen's Gambit Declined.

Position after 12... Kt×B.

WHITE
V. VUKOVITCH

BLACK
AMATEUR

- | | |
|------------|------------|
| 1 P—Q 4 | 1 P—Q 4 |
| 2 P—Q B 4 | 2 P—K 3 |
| 3 Kt—Q B 3 | 3 Kt—K B 3 |
| 4 B—Kt 5 | 4 B—K 2 |
| 5 P—K 3 | 5 Q Kt—Q 2 |
| 6 Kt—B 3 | 6 Castles |
| 7 R—B 1 | 7 P—B 3 |
| 8 Q—B 2 | 8 R—K 1 |
| 9 P—Q R 3 | |

9 B—Q 3 is more usual. White is speculating upon the probability of ... P×P, B×P, when he will afterwards withdraw the Bishop to Q Kt 1, *via* Q R 2.

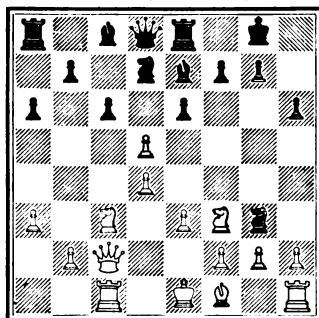
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| 10 B—R 4 | 9 P—K R 3 |
| 11 B—Kt 3 | 10 P—Q R 3 |
| | 11 Kt—R 4 |

.....Overlooking the trap concealed behind White's last. He has made all preparations for 11... P×P, and has nothing better to do than carry out that intention.

- 12 P×P 12 Kt×B

.....For if either Pawn takes Pawn, White wins by 13 Kt×P, P×Kt; 14 B—B 7.

BLACK (AMATEUR)



WHITE (VUKOVITCH)

- 13 P×K P

The surprise stroke, apparently sound.

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|-------------|----------|
| 14 P×P ch | 13 Kt×R |
| 15 B—B 4 ch | 14 K×P |
| | 15 K—B 1 |

.....If 15... K—B 3 White mates in three.

- 16 Q—R 7, and mates in three more moves.

GAME No. 5,424.

Played at Zemun, Yugoslavia, on May 15th. Third and fourth notes by the winner.

French Defence.

WHITE		BLACK			
G. POLIAKOFF		A. LEVIN		11 R—B 3 ch	11 Kt—B 3
1 P—Q 4	1 P—K 3	12 P×P	12 K—Kt 1	13 P×Kt	13 B×P (B 3)
2 P—K 4	2 P—Q 4	14 Kt—Q 6	14 Q—B 1	15 Castles	15 Kt—B 3
3 Kt—Q B 3	3 Kt—K B 3	16 R—K 1	16 B—Q 2	17 Kt—R 3	17 Kt—Q 5
4 B—K Kt 5	4 B—K 2	18 K R—K 3	18 P—Q Kt 3	19 Kt—K B 4	19 P×P
5 P—K 5	5 K Kt—Q 2	20 R×P	20 Kt×R	If B×R, then 21 R×B.	
6 P—K R 4		21 Q×Q P	21 B—K 4	If B×P ch., then 22	
One of Alekhine's innovations, it is claimed. M.C.O. gives the text-move or P—K B 3 as probably the best reply; but Maroczy prefers 6..., P—Q R 3, to stop 7 Kt—Kt 5.		K—Kt 1! Q×Kt (R—Kt 1; 23 R×Kt); 23 Q×R ch, Q—B 1; 24 Q—Q 5, Q—K 2; 25 B—B 5, B—K B 3; 26 B×Kt ch, K—B 1; 27 Q—R 8 ch, B—K 1; 28 Kt—B 5, Q—Q B 2; 29 B—Kt 3, Q—Q 2; 30 Kt—Q 6, etc.			
7 Kt—Kt 5	7 P—B 3	22 Kt×Kt	22 Q×Kt		
.....The analysis by Reti and Breyer, quoted in M.C.O., gives 7..., P×P, allowing 8 Kt—Q 6 ch. The present game illustrates the danger of the text-move.		23 Q×R ch	23 K—B 2		
8 B—Q 3	8 P×B	24 Kt—Kt 5 ch	24 Resigns		
9 Q—R 5 ch	9 K—B 1				
10 R—R 3	10 Kt P×P				

GAME No. 5,425.

Played at Johannesburg.

Evans Gambit.

WHITE		BLACK		WHITE		BLACK	
B. KOSTICH		Dr. M. BLIEDEN		B. KOSTICH		Dr. M. BLIEDEN	
1 P—K 4	1 P—K 4	15 Q R—Q 1	15 B—Kt 2	16 P—B 4	16 K—R 1	17 B—K 4	17 B—K 4
2 Kt—K B 3	2 Kt—Q B 3	18 R—B 3	18 P—K B 3	17 P—B 5	19 Q—B 3	20 Q×R P	20 Q×R P
3 B—B 4	3 B—B 4	19 Kt—B 4	21 B—Q 2	4 P—Q Kt 4	4 B×Kt P	21 K—R 1	21 B—Q 2
5 P—B 3	5 B—R 4	22 Q R—K B 1	22 P—Kt 4	6 P—Q 4	6 P—Q 3	23 B—Q 5	23 P—B 3
7 Q—Kt 3	7 Q—Q 2	24 B—Kt 3	24 Q—Q 5	8 P—Q R 4	8 P×P	25 Q—Kt 1	25 P—Q R 4
9 Castles	9 B—Kt 3	26 R—R 3	26 P—R 5	10 P×P	10 Kt×P	27 Kt—Kt 6 ch	27 K—Kt 2
11 Kt×Kt	11 B×Kt	28 Q—B 1	28 Resigns	12 Kt—B 3	12 Kt—R 3		
13 B×Kt	13 P×B			14 Kt—Q 5	14 Castles		

GAME No. 5,426.

Played at Johannesburg.

Evans Gambit.

WHITE		BLACK		WHITE		BLACK	
B. KOSTICH		Dr. M. BLIEDEN		B. KOSTICH		Dr. M. BLIEDEN	

The first twelve moves as in the preceding game.

13 B—Kt 2	13 P—B 3	19 B—R 3	19 P—B 4
14 Q R—Q 1	14 B×Kt	20 R×B	20 K×R
15 Q×B	15 Q—K 2	21 B—Kt 5 ch	21 K—B 1
16 P—B 4	16 B—Q 2	22 B×P	22 Q—B 2
17 P—K 5	17 B P×P	23 R—B 1	23 R—Q 1
18 P×P	18 P×P	24 B—Q 6	24 Resigns

GAME No. 5,427.

An off-hand game played at Ljubljana.

Queen's Gambit Declined.

WHITE		BLACK		WHITE		BLACK	
AMATEUR		Dr. ASZTALOS		AMATEUR		Dr. ASZTALOS	
1 P—Q 4		1 P—Q 4		16 B—K 2		16 B—Q 3	
2 Kt—K B 3		2 Kt—K B 3		17 K R—Q 1		17 K R—Q 1	
3 P—B 4		3 P—K 3		18 P×P		18 P×P	
4 B—Kt 5		4 P—K R 3		19 Kt—Q R 4		19 Kt—K 3	
5 B×Kt		5 Q×B		20 Q×P		20 Kt—B 5	
6 Kt—B 3		6 P—B 3		21 B—B 1		21 Kt—R 6 ch	
7 P—K 3		7 B—Q 3		22 P×Kt		22 B×Kt	
8 Q—Kt 3		8 Kt—Q 2		23 B—Q 3		23 Q—Kt 4 ch	
9 R—B 1		9 Castles		24 K—B 1		24 Q—Kt 7 ch	
10 B—K 2		10 B—Kt 1		25 K—K 1		25 B—Kt 5 ch	
11 Castles		11 P×P		26 Kt—B 3		26 R×B	
12 B×P		12 P—K 4		27 Q×R ch		27 K—R 2	
13 P—Q 5		13 Kt—B 4		28 R×R		28 Q—Kt 8 ch	
14 Q—B 2		14 B—B 4		29 K—Q 2		29 Q×B P	
15 P—K 4		15 B—Kt 5					mate

GAME No. 5,428.

Played in the annual telegraphic match between San Francisco and Los Angeles, in February last.

Queen's Pawn Game.

WHITE		BLACK		WHITE		BLACK	
A. J. FINK		W. A. RUTH		A. J. FINK		W. A. RUTH	
(San Francisco)		(Los Angeles)		(San Francisco)		(Los Angeles)	
1 P—Q 4		1 P—Q 3		8 Kt—Q 2		8 P—Q 4	
2 Kt—K B 3		2 B—Kt 5		9 Kt—Kt 3		9 B—Q 3	
3 Q—Q 3		3 Kt—Q 2		10 P—K 3		10 P—B 3	
4 Q—K 4		4 K Kt—B 3		11 P—K R 3		11 B—K 3	
5 Q×Kt P		5 P—K 4		12 Q—R 6		12 Castles	
6 Kt—B 3		6 R—Q Kt 1		13 Q—K 2		13 Q—Kt 3	
7 Q×R P		7 P—K 5		14 Q—Q 1		14 P—K R 3	

15 B—K 2	15 Kt—R 2	25 Q—Q 3	25 P—Kt 5
16 Castles	16 P—K B 4	26 B—K 2	26 Kt—K 5
17 B—Q 2	17 Q—Q 1	27 P×P	27 R P×P
18 P—B 4	18 P×P <i>e.p.</i>	28 Kt—Q 2	28 K Kt—B 3
19 B×P	19 Q Kt—B 3	29 R—B 4	29 K—Kt 2
20 Kt—R 4	20 B—Q B 2	30 Q—R—K B 1	30 Q—R 4
21 Q Kt—B 5	21 B—B 1	31 Kt×Kt	31 Q P×Kt
22 Kt—Q 3	22 P—Kt 4	32 Q—B 4	32 R—Kt 3
23 Kt—K 5	23 Q—K 1	33 Q—B 5	33 Kt—Q 4
24 B—B 3	24 P—K R 4	34 R×P ch	34 Resigns

GAME No. 5,429.

Played in the Marienbad tournament.

Queen's Pawn Game.

WHITE		BLACK	
D. PRZEPIORKA	A. NIMZOWITZ	D. PRZEPIORKA	A. NIMZOWITZ
1 P—Q 4	1 Kt—K B 3	13 B—Kt 3	13 Kt—K R 4
2 Kt—K B 3	2 P—Q Kt 3	14 Kt—Q Kt 5	14 P—K 4
3 P—B 4	3 B—Kt 2	15 Kt×K P	15 Kt—B 4
4 Kt—B 3	4 P—K 3	16 Kt×Kt	16 B×P ch
5 Q—B 2	5 P—B 4	17 K×B	17 Kt×R ch
6 P×P	6 B×P	18 K—Kt 1	18 B×Kt
7 P—K 4	7 Kt—B 3	19 Kt×P ch	19 K—B 1
8 B—Kt 5	8 P—K R 3	20 Q—B 3	20 R—K Kt 1
9 B—R 4	9 P—Q 3	21 Kt×P	21 K×Kt
10 R—Q 1	10 Q—K 2	22 B—R 5 ch	22 K—K 3
11 P—Q R 3	11 P—Q R 4	23 B—Kt 4 ch	
12 B—K 2	12 P—K Kt 4	Drawn by perpetual check	

GAME No. 5,430.

An off-hand game at The Hague.

King's Gambit Declined.

WHITE		BLACK	
R. J. LOMAN	—, NIEUKERKE	R. J. LOMAN	—, NIEUKERKE
1 P—K 4	1 P—K 4	18 P—Q 4	18 R—B 3
2 P—K B 4	2 B—B 4	19 P—Kt 5 !	19 Kt—R 4
3 Kt—K B 3	3 P—Q 3	20 Q—Kt 4	20 R—Q B 1
4 B—B 4	4 Kt—K B 3	21 P—K 5	21 R—K B 4
5 P—Q 3	5 Kt—B 3	22 P×Q P	22 Q—B 2
6 Kt—B 3	6 B—K Kt 5	23 Kt—Q 2	23 Kt—K B 3
7 P—K R 3	7 B—K 3	24 P—B 4	24 Kt×Q B P
8 Kt—Q 5	8 P—K R 3	25 Kt×Kt	25 Kt—Q 4
9 P—B 3	9 Castles	26 Kt—K 5 !	26 R×R ch
10 P—Q Kt 4	10 B—Kt 3	27 R×R	27 Q×R ch
11 P—Q R 4	11 P—R 3	28 K×Q	28 R—B 1 ch
12 Kt×B	12 P×Kt	29 K—K 2	29 Kt×Q
13 B×B	13 P×B	30 P—Q 7	30 K—Kt 1
14 Castles	14 P×P	31 B—Q 2	31 P—Q R 4
15 Q—Kt 3	15 Q—K 2	32 B×Kt	32 P×B
16 B×P	16 Kt—Q 2	33 Kt—B 6	33 P—Kt 6
17 B—K 3	17 K—R 1	34 K—Q 2	34 Resigns

PROBLEM WORLD.

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BRITISH CHESS PROBLEM SOCIETY.

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The Society will have charge of the Solving Tourney to be held by the British Chess Federation at the Stratford Congress on Monday, August 24th, at 3 p.m. It is hoped that all Members who attend the congress will compete in this tourney.

Mr. B. J. de C. Andrade sends us the following synthetic, which our readers are sure to find interesting. The programme is:—

Construct a change-mate problem, with not more than twelve pieces. Key: K—Kt 2.

If 1. ., B × Kt	2 R—Kt 3 mate
„ 1. ., B × R	2 Q—Q R 1 „
„ 1. ., B else	2 R—Q 5 „
„ 1. ., K moves	2 R—K 6 „

There is one dual after 1. ., B—B 3, but no cook must be admitted. Solutions will be acknowledged.

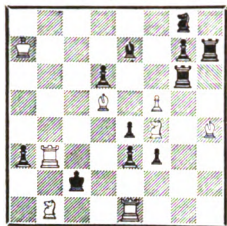
Problem No. 2,523, by C. H. D. Clark. Will solvers please note the King at White's R 1 should be White.

The question has been raised by two or three correspondents as to the use of White's King's Bishop in J. N. Babson's three-move self-mate which we printed last month (page 325). In its absence, the scheme would be marred as after 1. ., P—R 8=Kt; 2 R—Kt 6 creates a damaging dual. A White Pawn at K Kt 6 would render the position an impossible one, but we think the Pawn could be substituted for the Bishop if the Black Pawn at Q R 7 is exchanged for a Black Bishop.

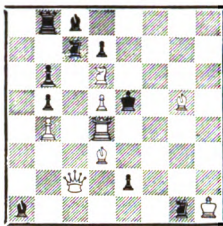
Mr. H. H. Davies points out that the Black Q Kt Pawn in J. J. Rietveld's 2-er we quoted at page 286, as to which we expressed our doubt of its necessity when giving the solution last month, is necessary to prevent a cook by 1 Q—Q R 8.

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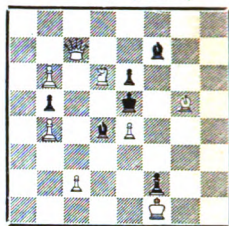
First Prize.

By J. J. ELBEN.
BLACK (11 pieces)WHITE (8 pieces)
Mate in three.

Second Prize.

By W. BUKOFZER.
BLACK (10 pieces)WHITE (8 pieces)
Mate in three.

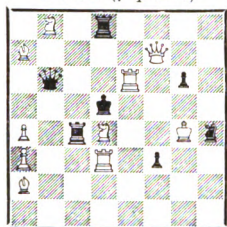
First Hon. Mention.

By H. VAN BEEK.
BLACK (6 pieces)WHITE (8 pieces)
Mate in three.

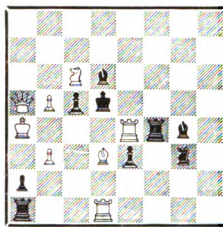
Hon. mentions : J. J. Elben, M. Havel and L. Schor.

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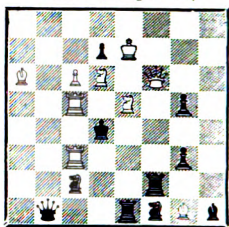
First Prize.

By I. OLASZ.
BLACK (7 pieces)WHITE (10 pieces)
Mate in two.

Second Prize.

By K. HAJEK
BLACK (9 pieces)WHITE (8 pieces)
Mate in two.

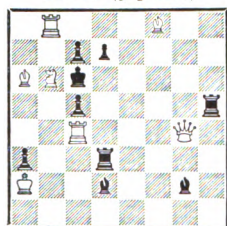
Third Prize.

By P. TEN CATE.
BLACK (10 pieces)WHITE (9 pieces)
Mate in two.

Hon. mentions : J. Hartong, A. Aakerblom and A. C. White.

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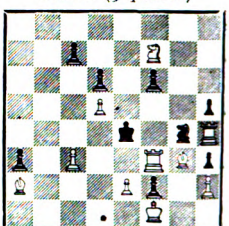
First Prize.

By Dr. N. KOVACS.
BLACK (9 pieces)WHITE (7 pieces)
Mate in two.

Second Prize.

By M. RIEDL.
BLACK (11 pieces)WHITE (13 pieces)
Mate in two.

Third Prize.

By W. KARSCH.
WHITE (9 pieces)WHITE (10 pieces)
Mate in two.

Fourth prize, H. Homey ; fifth, M. Schneider ; sixth, H. Hourey.

The following is an extract from a letter received from Mr. Arthur Moseley, the well-known Australian composer and chess editor of the *Brisbane Courier* and the *Midweek Sports Referee* of Brisbane. It is but typical of many other expressions of approval from correspondents of the manner in which these pages are conducted, and we feel somewhat justified in making the quotation.

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By P. TEN CATE
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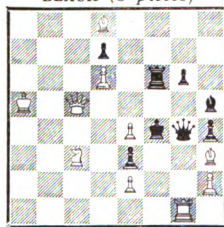
WHITE (10 pieces)

Mate in two.

Second Prize.

By R. G. THOMSON
(Aberdeen).

BLACK (8 pieces)



WHITE (10 pieces)

Mate in two.

First Hon. Mention.

By T. V. WALKER
(Durham).

BLACK (10 pieces)



WHITE (12 pieces)

Mate in two.

Hon. mentions : second, C. E. Kemp (Manchester) ; third, E. Boswell (Lancaster) ; prize for Mutate, E. Olasz (Budapest) ; prize for Block-Threat, J. H. Barrow (Manchester). The judges were C. S. Kipping and Prof. J. R. Neukomm.

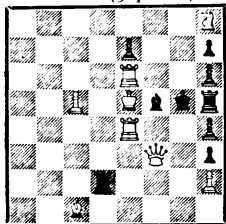
ECONOMY IN THE SELF-MATE CHESS PROBLEM.

By D. G. McINTYRE (Cape Town, S.A.)

IV.

There are features appertaining to self-mate economy that, owing to the inherent complexity of this "inverse" form of chess, cannot be reduced to a set of postulates. In Mr. Hume's No. 5 one finds four strategic variations excellently blended. The economy is good, yet there is nothing "clean" in

No. 5.
By G. HUME
(First Prize,
Chess Monthly, 1895).
BLACK (9 pieces)

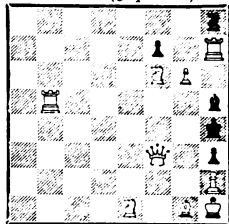


WHITE (8 pieces)
Self-mate in three.

the control of either King in the final positions. There is rather a sort of homogeneity about the problem as a whole which makes it economically noteworthy.

Sometimes strategic self-mate ideas are in themselves economical. Here a balance as between strategy and economy must be struck. In No. 6 Mr. Laws has given us a striking example of this: the economy is good because it is the very best that the strategy will allow. That the Black Knight is inactive in one line, and the Black Bishop

No. 6.
By B. G. LAWS
("Chess Stars: a Galaxy
of Self-mates," 1888).
BLACK (5 pieces)

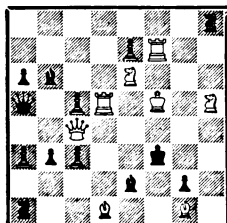


WHITE (9 pieces)
Self-mate in three.

in the other matters as little as does the fact that the White force as a whole has small concern in holding the Black King.

There are some nice points about No. 7. That White can restrain the entire Black force is in itself surprising in view of Black's mobility. There

No. 7.
By G. HEATHCOTE
(First Prize,
Natal Mercury, 1921).
BLACK (13 pieces)

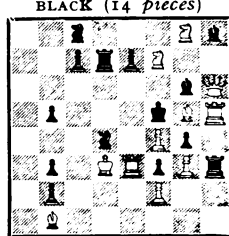


WHITE (8 pieces)
Self-mate in three.

are actually four methods of defeating the threat, yet the White pieces—with not a Pawn to assist—are competent to control the opposition. On the score of economy, would one willingly miss the "solitary raid" of the Black Knight at R 8 into play? Despite the fact that there are two Black Bishops that take no hand in any mate, I rate No. 7 very high, indeed, for economy.

Finally, what is one to say of No. 8 by the great blind composer? Here the whole conception is so bewildering that one does not stop to consider the material

No. 8.
By A. F. MACKENZIE
(Third Prize,
British Chess Magazine,
1901).
BLACK (14 pieces)



WHITE (11 pieces)
Self-mate in three.

employed. The strategy is exceptionally deep, and the mates are really beautiful, though they are anything but models if the accepted definition be applied. But what do conventions count in the presence of such a masterpiece?

V.

To recapitulate, I venture the following tentative axioms as a partial means of estimating economy in the self-mate chess problem:—

- I. Economy of White force is of first importance.
- II. Economy of Black force, while always desirable, is of lesser import.
- III. Economy must be assessed on the play as a whole, and not merely on the culminating mate.

- IV. In assessing the economy of the culminating mate, the economic control of *both* Kings must be considered.
- V. If possible, mating positions should be models, *but this must not be achieved by augmenting the White force in order to cut down the Black.*
- VI. Where strategy and economy are at variance the most artistic compromise should be assiduously sought. There is always a happy medium.

SOLUTIONS.

No. 1 (McIntyre).—1 R—K 7, B—Kt 8; 2 K—B 3 dis ch, K—R 4; 3 K×P dis ch. If 1..., P—Q 7; 2 K—Q 3 dis ch, K—R 4; 3 P—Kt 6 dis ch. If 1..., P×B; 2 Kt—Kt 6 ch, P×Kt; 3 R—Q R 7 ch. If 1..., others; 2 K—Q 5 dis ch, K×P; 3 K—K 6 dis ch.

No. 2 (Anderson).—1 Q—R 7! B moves or P—Kt 7; 2 Q Kt—Kt 6 ch K—K 3; 3 K—B 4 dis ch. If 1..., P—B 6; 2 Kt—Q 3 ch, K—Q 3; 3 K—B 4, dis ch.

No. 3 (McIntyre).—1 R—Kt 5., P—K 4; 2 Q—R 1. If 1..., P×R; 2 Q×P. If 1..., K—B 4; 2 B—Q 7. If 1..., K—Kt 4; 2 R—Q B 4.

No. 4 (Bull).—1 B—Q 8, Kt—B 1; 2 B—B 6, Kt—Kt 3 (If 2..., Kt—Q 2; 3 Q×Kt, K—B 7; 4 B—R 6. If 2 Kt—R 2; 3 B—Kt 7 Kt moves; 4 B×Kt or B—R 6 acc.); 3 B—Kt 5 ch, Kt—B 5; 4 B—R 6. If 1..., Kt—Kt 4; 2 Q—B 4 ch, K—Q 8; 3 Q—K B 1 ch, K—B 7; 4 B×Kt. If 1..., Kt—B 3; 2 B×Kt.

No. 5 (Hume).—1 Q—B 1, B×R (K 6); 2 Q—R 6, B moves; 3 Q—K B 6 ch. If 1..., B×R (K 4); 2 Q—Kt 1 ch, B—Kt 7; 3 P—B 6. If 1..., B—Kt 5; R—Kt 6 ch, P×R; 3 Q—B 6 ch. If 1..., B—Kt 3; 2 Q—Kt 2 ch, P×Q; 2 R—Kt 4 ch.

No. 6 (Laws).—1 Q—R 8, P×P; 2 R—Q Kt 7, any; 3 Kt—Kt 2 or B 3 ch acc. If 1..., Kt×P; 2 Q—R 4 ch, Kt—B 5; 3 Kt—Kt 2 ch.

No. 7 (Heathcote).—1 R—Q 2, Kt—B 7; 2 Q—Q 3 ch, Kt—K 6 ch; 3 K—K 5 dis ch. If 1..., Kt×R; 2 Q×P ch, Q×Q; 3 R—Q 3 ch. If 1..., Kt—Kt 3; 2 Q—B 4 ch, Kt×Q; 3 Kt—Q 4 ch. If 1..., Q—R or Kt 5. 2 Q—Q 5 ch, Q—K 5 ch; 3 K—Kt 5 dis ch. If 1..., others; 2 Kt—Q 4 ch, P×Kt dis ch; 3 Q—Q 5 ch.

No. 8 (Mackenzie).—1 Kt—Q 8, Kt—Q 3; 2 B—B 6 dis ch, B or R×Q; 3 K×Kt dis ch. If 1..., R—Q 4 or B—K 4; 2 B—R 4 dis ch, B×R; 3 Q—K 6 ch. If 1..., R×R or R×Kt (threat); 2 R—K 5 ch, B×R; 3 K—Q 2 dis ch.

SOLVERS' SCORE—"LADDER" COMPETITION.

Problems (May) 2515 to 2518 and (June) 2519 to 2522 both inclusive.

*Dr. Tennant Bruce (630) 5-5-10-10 (660), 5-5-10-10 (30); L. W. Cafferata (130); †A. T. Cannell (290) 5-5-10-10 (320), 5-5-10-10 (350); J. Chadwick (Sydney) (100); *R. W. Clark (Canada) (155); *W. H. Cutland (425) 5-5-10-10 (455), 5-5-10-10 (485); J. W. Davies (110+April 20=130) 5-5-10-10 (160), 5-5-10-10 (190); †F. J. Dennis (625) 5-5-0-10 (645), 5-5-10-10 (675); *J. C. Derlien (40) 5-5-10-10 (70), 5-5-10-10 (100); Rev. A. S. Dean (310) 5-5-10-10 (340), 5-0-10-10 (365); J. Erpinosaf (Barcelona) (40); *C. Folley (460) 5-5-10-10 (490), 5-5-10-10 (520); **Albert Haddy (365) 5-5-0-10 (385), 5-5-20-10 (425); **W. F. Herbert (585) 5-5-10-10 (615), 5-5-10-10 (645); Rev. F. O'D. Hoare (470) 5-5-10-10 (500), 5-5-10-10 (530); A. Galbraith (100) 5-5-0-0 (110), 0-5-10-10 (135); ††G. Stillingfleet Johnson (630) 5-5-10-10 (660), 5-5-20-10 (40); N. V. Joshi (Pusa, India) (485) 5-5-10-10 (to May 515); †Frederick Lee (80) 5-5-10-10 (110), 5-5-10-10 (140); J. A. Lewis (390) 5-5-10-10 (420), 5-5-20-10 (460); Herbert Lees (Auckland) (485+March and April 80+May 30=595); T. W. R.

Leistikow (255); **Rev. N. Munro (475); D. Murray (415) 5-5-10-10 (445), 5-5-10-10 (475); *Johannes Neilson (195) 5-5-10-10 (225), 5-5-10-10 (255); †A. Peacock (0) 5-5-10-10 (30), 5-5-10-10 (60); E. W. Punnett (200) 5-5-0-10 (220), 0-5-10-10 (245); T. Rosenfield (325) 5-5-10-10 (355), 5-5-10-10 (385); Rev. J. Schipper (125) 5-5-10-10 (155), 5-5-10-10 (185); F. W. Syberg (125) 5-5-10-10 (155), 5-5-10-10 (185); O. L. Telling (Monte Carlo) (110); "Tiro" (Ribe, Denmark) (420) 5-5-10-10 (450), 5-5-10-10 (480); R. G. Tyzack (85 from Feb.) 5-5-10-10 (115), 0-5-10-10 (140); A. C. Vaughan (245) 5-5-10-10 (to May 275); *Rev. E. Wells (140) 5-5-10-10 (170), 5-5-10-10 (200); M. E. Wills (Gibraltar) (55); W. A. Way (Malay States) (375); H. A. Warwell (15) 5-5-0-0 (25), 5-5-10-10 (55).

We unintentionally omitted to post to the printers the May scores, so on this occasion give the two months, bringing the results up to date. It will be seen that Dr. Tennant Bruce and G. Stillingfleet Johnson for May have an equal top score. This is the former's first success, and the latter's fourth. Our congratulations! Their small scores shown for June are explained, both start that month at zero. F. J. Dennis with his June total of 675 secures first place for the third time.

SOLUTIONS.

By T. R. Dawson (p. 284), "Night-rider" Problem.—1 N—K 7, K—R, 2 (only move); 2 N—K Kt 3, K—R 1 (only); 3 N—K 4, K—R 2; 4 Kt—Kt 5 ch, K—R 1 (only); 5 N—Q 2 mate. This solution was accidentally slipped last month.

By F. F. L. Alexander (p. 286).—1 Q—Kt 5, P×Q; 2 K—Q 5. If 1..., P—Kt 3 ch; 2 K×K B P ch. If 1..., K moves; 2 Q—K 2 ch. If 1..., Kt—Q 6 ch; 2 Q×Kt ch. If 1..., Kt else; 2 Q—Kt 1 ch. If 1..., P Queens; 2 Q×Q ch. A most interesting and bright three-mover. Unluckily Black's threatened 1..., Kt—Q 6 ch mars the scheme, still the tries of 1 K—Q 6 or Q 4 are alluring. After the first move, which in the circumstances is good, the rest is quite nice.

By J. H. Barrow (p. 286).—1 R—K R 1, Kt moves; 2 K Kt×P. If 1..., K×Kt; 2 R—Q 5 ch. For a problem with really little resource for either side, this is unusually puzzling. The key seems to promise little because 1..., Kt—R 6 (for instance) appears to force too much delay.

No. 2,519, by Dr. F. B. Feast.—1 Q—Kt 3. A complete waiter in which the key introduces no fewer than five added mates. The elegant and accurate construction are typical of the composer. There is one minor dual. The Black Pawn at Q Kt 4 should be a Black Bishop as we pointed out at page 328 last month.

No. 2,520, by R. W. Clarke.—1 B—Q 4. A sharp key, releasing the pinned Rook and giving a lateral flight. The variations are not striking, but those following moves of the Black Rook are of interest.

No. 2,521, by J. Cauveren.—1 Q—B 6. If 1..., K—Q 4; 2 P—B 4 ch. If 1..., P—B 4; 2 Q×P ch. If 1..., P—Kt 4; 2 Q×B P ch. 1 Q—B 7 also solves this.

No. 2,522, by E. Boswell.—1 B—Q 3. If 1..., Kt—B 2 or P—K 4; 2 Q×P ch. If 1..., P×Kt or P—Kt 6; 2 Q—R 4 ch. A blend of two strategic ideas—the avoidance of a pin after 1..., Kt—B 2, and the mutual interference of Rook and Bishop after 1..., P×Kt. The position does not lend itself to clean construction, but the setting is as economical as possible. A very interesting problem.

By E. O. Martin (p. 323).—1 Q—B 3. A sacrificial key which the solver soon sees because of the position of the Queen and her restricted movement,

and the defence of P—K 6 has to be provided for. There is not much in the afterplay, the best point occurring after 1... B—B 3.

By Dr. E. Delpy (p. 323).—1 Q—R 3. A showy key, but not so good as it looks as the Queen at B 8 has very little to look after. The reply to 1... Q—Q 1 ch is pleasing.

By Dr. P. Palitzish (p. 323).—The White Knight at Q Kt 5 should be a Bishop. 1 Q—K 7. Another case where it is pretty obvious the Queen must make the start and she goes to an interesting square. 1 Q×P is a nice try and in some respects sets off the weakness of what is nearly a fringe variation with the Knight.

By Dr. G. Kaiser (p. 323).—1 B—Kt 8, B—B 2; 2 Kt×B. If 1... B—Q 5; 2 B—K Kt 3. If 1... others; 2 Q Kt×P. A waiting-move problem with an added variation. 1 B—B 8 is a good try, but on the whole it is a problem which is a long way behind this composer's usual efforts.

By Dr. R. Leopold (p. 323).—1 Kt—R 2, P×Kt; 2 Q—B 5. If 1... K×Kt or K—R 8; 2 Q—B 1. A neat trifle, the play after 1... P×Kt being pretty and unexpected.

By E. O. Martin (p. 323).—1 B—Q 3, B—R 4; 2 B—K Kt 6. If 1... R—R 4; 2 B×P ch. If 1... R—Kt 3; 2 B×R. If 1... others; 2 B—Q Kt 6. Before one can bring the Queen's Bishop actually in play (*via* Q Kt 6) the Black Rook must be prevented from reaching White's Q B 3. This means the free King's Bishop can do this and a point is which square, Q 3 or K B 3 will do. The most interesting line is after 1... B—R 4, when the Bishop darts to K Kt 6.

By C. Mansfield (p. 323).—1 Kt—R 4. A fine key-move and half a dozen clever mates make a good show here. The construction has been ably handled as one finds it the case with all this composer's work. It is a little questionable whether Black's K Kt Pawn should have been used, seeing that it merely limits the dual seen after 1... R—Kt 5.

By K. A. K. Larsen (p. 323).—1 Kt—R 5. A two-move medley. The feature, however, of the four discovered mates—a very difficult idea to express—is well presented. The duals are of little concern.

By A. Mari (p. 323).—1 Q—R 8. The changing of the mating replies to the two adverse checks is skilfully managed. The key-move nevertheless is a strong one for the reason that it is the only feasible one to counter the defence of 1... K—B 4.

By A. Ellerman (p. 324).—1 Q—B 7, Q×Kt; 2 R—Q 6, Q—B 8 mate. If 1... R×Kt; 2 R×B P, Q×R mate. If 1... Kt—B 6 or K 7; 2 Kt—B 4, Kt—Q 5 mate. If 1... others; 2 Kt—Q 6, Q—B 8 mate. This is an admirable maiden effort in this class of composition. There is a small flaw after 1... Q×R, the play intended being 2 Kt×B P, but the threat also operates. With deference we suggest White's Rook's Pawn be removed to K 3, the two Black K R Pawns taken away and a White Pawn added at K Kt 4.

By A. Ellerman (p. 324).—1 R—B 5, B×R; 2 Kt—K 7, R—K 4 mate. If 1... P×Kt; 2 B—K 4, R—Q 3 mate. If 1... P—B 3 ch, Kt—K 2 ch or R—K 4 ch; 2 K—Q 4, B—Kt 7 mate. If 1... P×P; 2 P—Q 4; 2 Kt—B 3 mate. If 1... P—B 4; 2 Kt—K 5, R—Q 3 mate. If 1... Kt—K 6; 2 Kt—K 4, R—Q 6 mate. If 1... R—K 5; 2 P×P, Kt×P mate. If 1... others; 2 B—K 4. Good indeed. To play over the solution must be convincing enough. The variety is remarkable.

By J. E. Funk (p. 324).—1 R—R 7, B×R; 2 K×B, R—R 3 mate. If 1 R—K B 4 (K B moves), 5, 6, 7 or 8; 2 R—R 5, 4, 3, 2, or 1 acc. If 1... K moves, R—K 3, Q 3, ×P, R—Kt 4 or R 4. If 1... R—K B 8, K 8, Q 8, Q B 8, Kt 8 or R 8 acc. A happy and amusing conceit on concurrent lines. The White Bishop seems *de trop*. The author probably did not intend to use it, but it got there somehow.

By E. Brunner (p. 324).—1 R—Kt 7. This is really a mutate, with one changed mate. The temptation to play 1 R—Kt 8 is almost irresistible, but the focal command which the Black Queen has spoils this move and emphasises the merits of the construction.

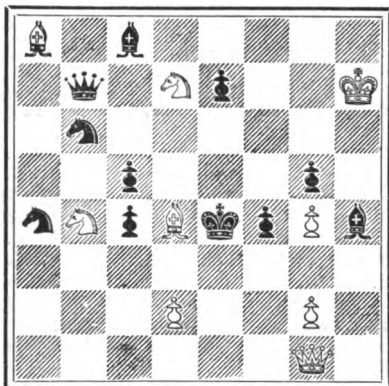
By T. Vesz (p. 324).—1 P—Q 5. The self-pinning of the White Queen and its release from the pin by four defences with corresponding mates makes this an entertaining two-mover. It is, however, easy to solve.

ORIGINAL PROBLEMS.

No. 2,527.

By C. H. D. CLARK
(Leeds).

BLACK (11 pieces)



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THE ANNUAL CONGRESS OF THE BRITISH CHESS CONGRESS AT STRATFORD-ON-AVON.

The Midland Counties Chess Union are to be heartily congratulated on the choice of Shakespeare's birthplace as the venue of the 1925 congress, and the chess world has responded in a manner which shows full appreciation.

Everything is well balanced on this occasion, the players in the various tournaments being of a suitable strength to produce keen and open competitions.

It would be difficult to find a more delightful place than Stratford-on-Avon at which to spend a fortnight, and the chessplayers have visited in large numbers the various sights of the town. On several occasions more than one whole row in the theatre has been entirely "caissic."

On the morning of Monday, August 17th, the players and their friends were welcomed and entertained by the Mayor of the town, Councillor W. P. Bullard, and the Mayoress, and later in the day the Mayor attended at the Town Hall and formally opened the congress.

The Mayor, in his opening remarks, said he questioned whether the congress had ever been held in so small a town, but he was equally sure they had never held a congress in a borough of such world-wide repute. Referring to Shakespeare, the Mayor said he could not find that the great poet made any direct reference to chess, although he referred in abundance to Kings, Queens, Knights and Bishops. Amid some laughter he quoted from Henry VIII :—

"What two reverend Bishops are those that went each side of the Queen."

It was, however, very strange that Shakespeare should make no reference to chessplayers, because, nearly 100 years before his birth, Caxton set up the first printing press in England, and the second book he published was *The Game and Playe of the Chesse*.

Major Sir Richard Barnett, M.P., in proposing a vote of thanks to the Mayor, alluded at some length to Shakespeare, pointing out that in the stage directions for *The Tempest*, Ferdinand and Miranda were described as playing chess in one of the scenes. It was probably because this incident appeared only as a stage direction that no mention of chess was made in the concordances that had been referred to, but it should be remembered that in Shakespeare's period chess was a passport to social success.

H. H. Tucker, of Walsall, a Trustee of the Permanent Fund of the Federation, also thanked the Mayor in an appropriate and witty speech.

Play commenced punctually at 6 p.m., and the earliest win was recorded by the Hon. A. J. Lowther, who beat Miss E. de Veer Pickop, of Old Colwyn. The games for the championship were watched with much interest, as that division included three players who have not previously competed in so high a class. We might mention T. H. Taylor, Birmingham; W. Winter, London; and G. W. Moses, Hemsworth, all three of whom won their first games although they had the Black pieces, and all except the last named have continued to play in good style, Tylor especially so. The present champion, H. E. Atkins, has maintained his steady and correct style, his score for the week being only marred by two draws, one against Herbert Jacobs and the other against Spencer. Atkins beat Yates on the third day, the game being considered one of the best played. Yates has also played fine chess and was unlucky to meet the champion at his very best; but that was his only loss. He won the other five games and tied with Atkins with a score of 5 out of 6 for the first half. The other scores were: Tylor, 5; Spencer, $3\frac{1}{2}$; Gooding, $3\frac{1}{2}$; Winter, $2\frac{1}{2}$; Blake, $2\frac{1}{2}$; Jacobs, 2; Saunders, 2; Uber, $1\frac{1}{2}$ (1 to finish); Price, $1\frac{1}{2}$ (1 to finish); Moses, 1.

The openings played in the championship were much as one might expect. Atkins played the Queen's Pawn against Jacobs, Price, and Spencer and defended it in his game with Blake and Winter. Yates when White favoured the Ruy Lopez. He defended that opening *versus* Spencer; but Gooding and Moses relied unsuccessfully on the Queen's Pawn against him. Jacobs is always looked to for the less popular openings, and he did not disappoint. With the English opening he drew with Gooding, but lost to Saunders, and with the Centre Counter he beat Uber but lost to Blake. His best effort was his draw with Atkins in defending the Queen's.

Spencer played the Petroff and drew with Tylor who, evidently impressed with the quality of the opening, used it himself next day against Saunders and won a good game. Against Moses he tried the Four Knights' and eventually won a game in which his position seemed inferior till quite the end. When Spencer had White he played the Giuoco Piano. Gooding and Winter stuck to their favourite Queen's Pawn, while Saunders and Moses to the Lopez.

Yates prevented the opening in his game with Saunders by adopting a King's Fianchetto. Uber played the Caro-Kann *versus* Blake, who generally favours the Queen's Pawn Opening.

The ladies' championship included one new comer, Miss Chater, of Penzance, undoubtedly a good player, and her games were watched with much interest. In this division the old favourites are running a neck-and-neck race. Miss Price, the present lady champion, and Mrs. Stevenson, only dropped half a point in their first six games, Miss Houlding a former winner of the championship, being only

half a point behind. Other scores : Mrs. Mitchell, $4\frac{1}{2}$; Miss Chater, $3\frac{1}{2}$; Miss Hooke, 3 ; Miss Gilchrist, $2\frac{1}{2}$; Mrs. Sollas, $1\frac{1}{2}$; Mrs. Banting, $1\frac{1}{2}$; Miss Abraham, 1 ; Miss Hutchison-Stirling, 1 ; and Mrs. Brockett, $\frac{1}{2}$.

The Major Open tournament includes an international master E. Znosko-Borovsky, but his game on the first day against R. E. Lean, of Brighton, produced an extraordinary incident. On his 21st move he actually gave Lean an opportunity of effecting a mate in two moves, and Lean missed it. Here is the game :—

WHITE		BLACK		WHITE		BLACK	
ZNOSKO-BOROVSKI		R. E. LEAN		ZNOSKO-BOROVSKI		R. E. LEAN	
1	P—K 4	1	Q Kt—B 3	11	B×B	11	R×B
2	Kt—K B 3	2	P—K 4	12	Q—Kt 4	12	B—Q 3
3	Kt—B 3	3	Kt—B 3	13	Q×R	13	Kt—K 3
4	B—Kt 5	4	B—Kt 5	14	Q—Q 7	14	Kt—B 5
5	Castles	5	Q—K 2	15	Kt—B 3	15	Kt—Q 6
6	Kt—Q 5	6	Kt×Kt	16	P—K Kt 3	16	Kt×B P !
7	P×Kt	7	Kt—Q 1	17	R—K 3	17	Kt—Q 8
8	Kt×P	8	Castles	18	P—B 4	18	Q—K R 4
9	R—K 1	9	Q—B 4	19	R—K 8 ?	19	Q×Kt
10	B×P	10	Q×Q P	20	R×R	20	B×R
				21	Q—Q 5		

Black can now mate in two moves by 21... Q—B 7 ch ; 22... Q—B 8 mate ! There is an old saying that " the Gods never forgive those who ignore their favours." Lean played 22... Q—K 7 ? and not only lost this game, but lost his games in the second, third and fourth and sixth rounds as well. Much is being said of Shakespeare at this congress. We can therefore imagine the foreign master, after making this extraordinary blunder, repeating to himself the words of the great poet in *Othello*, Act II, Scene 3 :—

" I am desperate of my fortunes if they check me here."

At the end of the first week the Major Open appeared to be a race between C. R. Gurnhill, of Sheffield, who won 5 out of 6 games, and took the lead, and J. A. J. Drewitt, of Hastings, who did not lose a game, making three wins and three draws, and Znosko-Borovski, also $4\frac{1}{2}$, having lost one game to Morrison and drawn with Drewitt. Muller, Morrison, Atkinson and Parry are 3 each.

In First Class, Section A, the leaders are : S. G. Howell-Smith, Hyde, $4\frac{1}{2}$ (6) ; H. Parsons, Bristol, 4 (6) ; Major Sir Richard Barnett, M.P., 4 (6) ; G. R. Nuttall, 4 (6) ; Turriff, $4\frac{1}{2}$ (6). In Section B : H. J. M. Thoms, 5 out of 5 (1 adjourned) ; Dr. V. H. Rutherford, 4 (6) ; Rev. W. R. Greenhalgh, 4 (6), while of the two first class lady players Miss Vera Menchik has $4\frac{1}{2}$ out of 6 and Mrs. Holloway $1\frac{1}{2}$.

Second Class, Section A : S. P. Lees (London) and G. W. Powell (Stroud) lead with $4\frac{1}{2}$ each. Section B : W. Barker (Wolverhampton), $4\frac{1}{2}$; M. White (Cardiff), A. C. Faulkner (Wallington), and H. Hinchliffe (Huddersfield), 4 each.

Third Class, Section A : The Hon. A. J. Lowther and Oswald Platt (Gloucester) have each won all their six games. Class B : M. L. Adler (London) has $5\frac{1}{2}$ while Victor Soanes (Loughton) is 4. Miss Olga Menchik, a sister of the Hastings player, has scored $3\frac{1}{2}$.

The first special lightning tournament on Wednesday, the 19th, attracted 56 entries, the prizes going to (1) C. R. Gurnhill, who numbered Znosko-Borovski and Parry among his victims. As Parry had accounted for Yates this was an excellent performance; (2) divided between F. R. Adcock (Norwich) and P. C. Littlejohn (Nuneaton); (3) B. Goulding Brown (Cambridge); (4) Miss Ruchon (Hastings).

The number 56 also represented the number of competitors who attended the excursion to Warwick, Leamington and Kenilworth on Friday, the 21st; a very enjoyable and instructive visit.

On Thursday afternoon E. Znosko-Borovsky gave a simultaneous display in which 22 players took part. The feature of the event was the spirited play it produced, pieces being *en prise* at most of the boards, and finally Mrs. Healey and W. A. Hooper scored wins; five other effected draws, while the remaining fifteen went to the credit of the Franco-Russian master.

Three veteran players were noticed among the onlookers: W. H. Gunston, F. P. Carr and G. A. Felce.

(To be concluded next month).

REVIEWS

Schacherinerungen. By Fritz Riemann. Part 4. Berlin and Leipzig: W. de Gruyter & Co. M. 3, unbound.

This is the concluding part of the work of which we noticed the third part in our June issue, and with it the total number of games is brought up to 562, while there are 18 endings from actual play. Part 4 contains also a good portrait of Herr Riemann and a brief *Vorwort*, dated October, 1917.

We need hardly say that there are some fine games included in this collection; for among Herr Riemann's opponents are such great names as Anderssen, von Bardeleben, Bird, Blackburne, Englisch, von Gottschall, Gunsberg, Mackenzie, Mason, Mieses, Paulsen, Schallopp, Tarrasch, Winawer, and Zukertort—to name only a selection. The main drawback, in "hypermodern" eyes, is that the games only go down to 1888, when Herr Riemann withdrew from serious chess. But there was good chess played in the old days too!

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

H. D. Benjamin.—Your book is waiting (*San Sebastian Tournament*, 1911). Please let me have your address.

F. K. Kelling (Wellington, N.Z.).—We note your new address—after over 39 years!—16 Poro Street, Kilbirnie, Wellington.

WANTED.

Chess Eccentricities by Major G. H. Verney (London, 1885, Longmans Green & Co.).

Apply R. H. S. Stevenson, 45 Clapham Road, London, S.W.9.

NEWS FROM THE BRITISH ISLES

The championship of Lancashire has been won by R. Cohen, a young member of Manchester Chess Club, who has rapidly come to the front. He defeated C. Y. C. Dawbarn in the semi-final and Dr. Edge in the final.

Lancashire sent a challenge to Yorkshire to play next season's N.C.C.U. championship match 100 a-side! Yorkshire did not see their way to accept this proposal and decided to keep the number down to the minimum allowed by the Union rules. The match will be played at Manchester in January.

British Chess Federation.—The executive committee met at Anderton's Hotel, London, on Saturday, July 25th, Major Sir Richard Barnett, M.P., being in the chair.

The secretary reported that the meetings of the national delegates at Zurich during the current week had been very successful. The constitution of the new International Chess Federation has been agreed, the terms being in accordance with the principal proposals of the B.C.F.; a Permanent Invested Fund had been created, to which the B.C.F. has promised a donation of £100 and has announced the adhesion of several British players as International life members (including the president, the chairman and the secretary of the B.C.F.). A dozen influential Federations have affiliated and other similar bodies will join shortly, directly the executives have given their formal consent.

A visit to the Royal Academy showed no representations of chess-playing. There are, however, four beautiful pictures by our esteemed subscriber, H. H. la Thangue, R.A., and two delightful efforts by Ernest W. Haslehurst, a vice-president of Kent County Chess Association.

J. H. Blake has won the Murton cup handicap at the City of London Chess Club. This competition is played after the championship and more serious tournaments are finished.

MIDDLESEX INDIVIDUAL CHAMPIONSHIP, 1925.

	1	2	3	4	5	T'l.
1 M. E. Goldstein	—	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	1	1	$3\frac{1}{2}$
2 J. Birnberg	$\frac{1}{2}$	—	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	1	3
3 L. Savage	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	—	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	2
4 A. E. Mercer	0	0	0	—	1	1
5 R. C. Griffith	0	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	—	$\frac{1}{2}$

The championship of Rotherham has been won by A. R. Fleming, who defeated S. P. Ludbrook by $2\frac{1}{2}$ — $\frac{1}{2}$ in the final. The Bingham cup will therefore repose in Mr. Fleming's care during 1925, but he knows how to look after it, for it was also in his possession in 1921 and 1923.

Mr. Fleming was born at Spennymoor, Durham, won the Newcastle silver Knight trophy when eighteen, joined the Leeds club in 1913 and played in the Edwin Woodhouse cup competition. He is secretary of the Rotherham club and has held the championship of Wath and district. He is a good pianist, an analytical chemist and secretary of the Rotherham Congregational Church.

The Brighton club took a team of eight players to the Isle of Wight on August 6th and played a match at Ryde *versus* the "Vectis" Chess Club, winning eventually by 5 to 3. It is hoped the visit will be repeated. Score:—

BRIGHTON.					" VECTIS."				
1	Rev. E. Griffiths	..	..	1	F. A. Joyce (Freshwater)	..	..	0	
2	Dr. R. Dunstan	..	..	0	Rev. W. Evill (Shanklin)	..	..	1	
3	H. L. Crawford	..	..	1	H. W. Daws (Shanklin)	..	..	0	
4	J. H. Jones	..	..	1	S. D. Caws (Ventnor)	..	..	0	
5	G. V. Butler	..	..	1	F. Miller (Binstead)	..	..	0	
6	Dr. W. M. Varley	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	A. J. Taylor (Newport)	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	
7	W. Beattie	..	..	0	J. H. Carroll (Ryde)	..	..	1	
8	A. E. Smith	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	P. L. Blakely (Ryde)	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	
				5					
					3				

The Poor Law Officers' Correspondence Chess Association held its annual meeting at The Gambit Chess Rooms, by kind permission of Miss Price. The following officers were elected: hon. general secretary, T. F. Pragnell; hon. tourney secretary and match captain, C. S. Burton; committee, D. Love, B. C. Amies, G. D. Fenn, W. D. Street, R. A. Fenner. Class I tourney has been won by C. S. Ashley. The match against the C.A.C.L. has resulted in a win; the Welsh Border League is unfinished.

Urgent Inquiry.—We still require a copy of the *Book of the Third American Chess Congress* held at Chicago, Illinois, in the seventies. A liberal price will be paid for a copy. It would help if any of our readers who has even seen a copy would tell us the style, size, or price of it, or anything which would help us in tracing the book.

The *Book of the Marienbad Tournament*, containing a general account of the tournament, a round-by-round commentary and the whole of the 120 games, annotated by I. Gunsberg, will be published in November by Printing Craft, Ltd.

A number of photographs, diagrams, and the usual score tables, etc., will also be included.

We understand that only a small edition is contemplated, so that copies should be ordered at once, and as the whole of the manuscript is now in the printer's hands the delays annoying to subscribers and publishers alike will not occur in this instance.

The price is 7/6, or post free 7/9, and orders should be sent at once to Printing Craft, Ltd., 34 Red Lion Square, Holborn, W.C., who inform us that they are reserving a few copies for foreign subscribers.

THE BRITISH CORRESPONDENCE CHESS ASSOCIATION.

All communications respecting these pages should be addressed to Mr. H. E. Matthews, 7 Anson Street, Monton, Eccles, Manchester. New members will be welcomed at any time and games can always be arranged for them at short notice.

Members are reminded that the current tourneys ended on August 31st and unfinished games should now be sent to the respective secretaries for adjudication, where the players are unable to agree upon a result. The new tourneys will commence on October 1st, and any chessplayer who contemplates joining should note that this is the best time to enter. The annual subscription is 5/-, plus an initial entrance fee of 2/6. Full information and entrance forms can be obtained from M. H. Bardsley, "The Chelms," Nun's Moor Crescent, Fenham, Newcastle-on-Tyne, who has very kindly consented to take over the duties of hon. secretary.

Trophies Tourney Results.—Class 1a: R. Macdonald 1, T. E. Wethers 0; R. Macdonald 1, P. T. Lawrence 0; R. Macdonald 1, F. W. Clarke 0; E. Bodkin 1, W. H. Gunston 0; E. Bodkin 1, P. J. Lawrence 0; E. Bodkin 1, F. W. Ffoulkes 0; E. Bodkin $\frac{1}{2}$, T. E. Wethers $\frac{1}{2}$; E. Bodkin $\frac{1}{2}$, L. C. G. Dewing $\frac{1}{2}$; F. W. Clarke 1, L. Illingworth 0; F. W. Clarke 1, E. Bodkin 0; F. W. Clarke 1, F. W. Ffoulkes 0; F. W. Clarke 1, P. Lawrence 0; F. W. Clarke 1, L. C. G. Dewing 0; F. W. Clarke $\frac{1}{2}$, W. H. Gunston $\frac{1}{2}$; F. W. Clarke $\frac{1}{2}$, T. E. Wethers $\frac{1}{2}$; W. H. Gunston 1, F. W. Ffoulkes 0; W. H. Gunston 1, T. E. Wethers 0. Class 1b: H. D. Rockett 1, K. G. Jayne 0; H. D. Rockett $\frac{1}{2}$, H. W. Shardlow $\frac{1}{2}$; H. W. Shardlow 1, Major E. M. Jones 0; K. G. Jayne 1, Major E. M. Jones 0. Class 2a: W. T. Ditcham $\frac{1}{2}$, G. F. Colborne $\frac{1}{2}$. Class 2b: H. S. Shelton $\frac{1}{2}$, H. A. Clarke $\frac{1}{2}$; J. W. Wood 1, H. A. Clarke 0; J. W. Wood 1, H. D. Terry 0; J. W. Wood 1, W. C. Wallis 0; H. D. Terry 1, T. L. Redfern 0 (by default); W. Wallis 1, H. A. Clarke 0. Class 3a: W. J. Gurney 1, T. Roberts 0; H. Bardsley 1, T. Roberts 0. Class 3b: A. H. Brayne 1, C. S. Pindar 0; J. L. Rynders 1, H. E. Maden 0; P. Armitage 1, H. E. Maden 0; A. P. White $\frac{1}{2}$, H. E. Maden $\frac{1}{2}$; A. P. White 1, A. H. Brayne 0. Class 3c: N. Ovington 1, R. Hopkins 0; N. Ovington $\frac{1}{2}$, C. H. Jago $\frac{1}{2}$; C. H. Jago 1, E. Behrndt 0; C. H. Jago 1, A. R. Coole 0; C. H. Jago 1, G. H. Wise 0. Class 4a: P. le Grip 1, D. Hume 0; Miss Chater 1, P. le Grip 0; Miss Chater 1, W. H. Lambert 0; Miss Chater 1, C. Folley 0; D. Hume 1, Dr. J. Holmes 0; W. Lambert 1, C. Folley 0; W. Lambert 1, Dr. J. Holmes 0. Class 4b: Miss Roper 1, F. S. Marsden 0; Miss Roper $\frac{1}{2}$, W. E. Hollingdale $\frac{1}{2}$; W. Milburn 1, T. Fisher 0; R. N. Murray 1, T. Fisher 0. Class 5a: P. Rocks (junr.) 1, T. Palmer 0; P. Rocks (junr.) 1, E. Roberts 0 (by default); R. W. Houghton 1, E. Roberts 0; R. W. Houghton 1, R. G. Somer-

ville 0 ; W. Lister 1, E. Roberts 0 ; R. W. Houghton 1, T. Palmer 0 ; R. G. Somerville 1, E. Roberts 0 (by default) ; E. S. Davis 1, E. Roberts 0. Class 5b : J. C. Derlien 1, A. R. Cave 0 (by default).

The finish in Class I is very exciting and there is a possibility of a quadruple tie, although the odds are in favour of Dr. Macdonald's second successive victory since he has not yet dropped a point. It is some time since a lady appeared amongst our prize winners that we look forward with satisfaction to the probability of Miss White's success in Class 5b.

Knock-out Tourney.—*First Tourney* : Section H, J. McClusky beat J. H. Jago. *Second Tourney* : Section J, T. L. Redfern beat L. Eveling. *First Round Proper, First Tourney*—Gold Medal, Section A, W. M. Russell and N. Ovington (draw) ; Section B, D. Hume beat V. H. Rutherford. Silver Medal, Section B, F. A. Richardson beat H. Maden. *Second Tourney*—Gold Medal, Section A, J. W. Wood beat E. E. Goodwin and A. F. Anderton. Silver Medal, Section A, A. R. Coole beat W. E. Evill ; Section B, A. J. Windybank beat R. G. Somerville. Bronze Medal, Section A, P. Wilson beat W. H. Laslett ; Section B, E. Fairclough beat K. New and E. Behrndt.

The score in our match is now B.C.C.A. 20½, *Chess Amateur*, 22½.

CLASS I (SECTION "A").

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	T'l.
1 E. Bodkin	—	0	½	1	1	1		½	1	6
2 F. W. Clarke	1	—	1	½	1	1	0	½	1	
3 L. C. G. Dewing	½	0	—	½	0	0		½	1	
4 W. H. Gunston	0	½	½	—	1	1		1	1	
5 L. Illingworth	0	0	1	0	—	½	0	1	½	
6 P. Lawrence	0	0	0	0	½	—	0			
7 Dr. R. C. Macdonald		1	1	1	1	1		1		
8 T. E. Wethers	½	½	½	0	0		0	—		
9 F. W. Ffoulkes	0	0	0	0	½				—	

CLASS V (SECTION "B").

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	T'l.
1 A. R. Cave	—		0	0			1			7
2 W. C. Caldwell		—	0							
3 J. C. Derlien	1	1	—	1	1	1	1	1	0	
4 Miss L. Eveling	1		0	—	½	1	1	0	0	
5 J. T. Halford			0	0	½	—		0	0	
6 O. Newbold			0	0		—	0		0	
7 A. Scholfield (junr.)	0		0	0		1	—		0	
8 J. A. Stanton			0	1	1			—	0	
9 Miss J. H. White			1	1	1	1	1	1	—	

Handicap Tourney Results.—*Wins*: Anderton *v.* Ovington (2), Hopkins (2); Armitage *v.* Hume, Somerville; Bardsley *v.* P. Wilson; Clarke *v.* Porch (3); Mrs. Fish *v.* Miss Eveling; Gerrard *v.* Crean (2); Holbrook *v.* George; Houghton *v.* Crean (2); Holland *v.* Shead; Maden *v.* Terry (2); Porch *v.* Stewart; Mrs. Roper *v.* Whall (2); Somerville *v.* Whall; Seymore *v.* Crean (2), Holbrook (2); Steel *v.* Ovington; Tollit *v.* Milburn; Wilcox *v.* Ovington, Hume (3); Wilson *v.* Coleman (2).

Draws: Clarke *v.* Wilcox; Houghton *v.* Crean; Snook *v.* Wilcox; Wilcox *v.* Houghton.

BRESLAU MASTERS' TOURNAMENT.

This, the first international masters' tournament held in Germany since Mannheim, 1914, ended on August 1st in a fine victory for the Russian master Bogoljuboff—who, by the way, must have a vivid recollection of what happened at Mannheim! His score was two whole points ahead of the second prize-winner, Nimzovitch, who followed up his Marienbad success with another good performance. Both Bogoljuboff and Nimzovitch showed themselves true tournament players, in that neither forfeited even half a point to anyone outside the prize-list.

Rubinstein started with a loss in the first round, and could not make up leeway. Grünfeld and Reti hardly came up to expectations; but Wagner, of Hamburg, and Becker, of Vienna, made a very good entry into international master chess.

Wagner, who is an amateur, appears to be the same player who in the season of 1897-8 took part in the City of London C.C. championship tournament and met with considerable success. He was placed 7th out of 23 players, and his score was 13. No doubt a number of London players will recall him.

Since we have been asked the question, we may say that the von Gottschall who figured in this tournament is not the once famous Dr. Rudolf von Gottschall (who died in 1909, aged 75), but Dr. Herman von Gottschall, of Görlitz. Table:—

		I	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	Score	Prize
1	E. D. Bogoljuboff	..	..	..	—	I	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	I	I	I	I	I	9 $\frac{1}{2}$	I
2	A. Nimzovitch	..	..	..	0	—	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	I	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	I	I	7 $\frac{1}{2}$	II
3	A. Rubinstein	..	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	—	$\frac{1}{2}$	I	I	0	I	I	7	III/
4	H. Wagner	..	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	I	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	I	7	IV/
5	A. Becker	..	..	..	0	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	I	—	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	I	6	V/
6	E. Grünfeld	..	..	..	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	I	I	6	VI
7	R. Reti	..	..	..	0	I	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	I	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	6	
8	A. Sämisch	..	..	..	0	0	0	I	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	I	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	5	
9	H. von Gottschall	..	..	..	0	0	I	0	0	0	0	I	0	4	
10	S. Tarrasch	..	..	..	0	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	I	3 $\frac{1}{2}$	
11	M. Blümich	..	..	..	0	0	0	0	0	0	I	I	—	3	
12	B. Moritz	..	..	..	0	0	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	0	0	I	—	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	

NEWS FROM THE DOMINIONS AND FOREIGN LANDS.

New Zealand.—In the club championship of the Dominion, Auckland and Otago scored 6 all, though on the full 20 boards Auckland won 11—9. Auckland *v.* Wellington was a win for Auckland by 7—5 in the championship; but Wellington won by 11—9 on the 20 boards. The result of Canterbury *v.* Otago depends upon two games still to be adjudicated.

By the rules, only the first 12 boards count in the club championship.

Australia.—The annual match between New South Wales and Victoria has this year been won by the former with a score of $5\frac{1}{2}$ — $4\frac{1}{2}$. On board 1 W. S. Viner (N.S.W.) beat W. F. Coultas, while on board 2 A. E. N. Wallace (N.S.W.) drew with G. Gundersen.

The brilliancy prize in the recent Victorian championship, given by Mr. Macintosh, has been awarded to S. Merkel for his game *v.* M. Bannan.

The last information to hand about the N.S.W. championship showed A. E. N. Wallace leading with 10 wins, one loss, and one game unfinished. His nearest rival was W. H. Jonas, whose score was 8 out of 11.

South Africa.—The proposed Southern Hemisphere tournament having fallen through, in its place the scope of the tenth South African congress at Johannesburg next Easter may be extended by the entry of representatives from Rhodesia and, perhaps, Kenya Colony. At least *The Natal Mercury* makes the latter suggestion.

Kenya Colony.—The return match between Europeans and Indians took place at the Railway Indian Institute, Nairobi, on July 4th, the Europeans winning by 5—3 and thus reversing exactly the result of last year's match. On board 1 Spencer Palmer beat Noor Allam, and on board 2 Menkin beat Alla Bux. Kishori Lall, the only player to beat Kostich in his blindfold exhibition at Nairobi, scored a point for the Indians on board 4.

India.—Narayanrao Joshi, winner of the tournament at Chail, in which Kostich was second, is a clerk in the Small Cause Court, Poona. His score was $10\frac{1}{2}$ out of 11, as he drew with Kostich and beat all his fellow-countrymen. Kostich drew also with Kishen Lall, and scored 10. Kishen Lall's score was $9\frac{1}{2}$, his only loss being to Joshi.

United States.—F. J. le Count has won the championship of the Brooklyn C.C., after beating P. Zatulove in a tie-match by $2\frac{1}{2}$ — $1\frac{1}{2}$.

The Philidor C.C. gave a dinner at the Maryland Hotel, Manhattan, in honour of Carlos Torre. Among the guests were Geza Maroczy, leading representatives of the Manhattan and Marshall clubs, and Messrs. Helms and Cassell.

The New York State C.A. meeting this year was at the rooms of the Buffalo C.C. on August 24th—28th.

A match between E. W. Gruer and A. J. Fink, the Californian players, ended in a tie of 3—3, with 4 draws.

France.—The championship of Haute-Normandie, at Rouen, has been won by R. Casier, president of the Echiquier Elbeuvian.

Switzerland.—Paul Johner has won the tournament for the national championship, held at Zurich, with a score of 9 (8 wins and 2 draws). F. Gygli was second, and Hans Johner and Dr. W. Michel tied for third and fourth prizes.

Germany.—The result of the masters' tournament at Breslau is given elsewhere. In Hauptturnier A the first prize was won by W. von Holzhausen, the eminent problemist; while the local player, Machate, came out first in Hauptturnier B, and so gained the right of entry to master rank.

Hungary.—The August number of the *Magyar Sakvilag* is a real Maroczy number, in commemoration of the great master's "jubilee"—thirty years of international chess being now his record. Appreciations are printed from leading chessplayers of many countries, including our own Amos Burn. Maroczy's record is fully recorded, and a good selection of his games is appended.

Argentina.—We have to acknowledge the receipt of a copy of *La Razon*, of Buenos Aires, with portraits of the six competitors in the nineteenth annual tournament of the Club Argentino de Ajedrez—Señores Ibanez, Lynch, Nollmann, Piacentini, Portela and Villegas.

China.—The International Chess Club, Shanghai (writes our esteemed correspondent, J. A. Jackson) has rented rooms at 11 Siking Road, and furnished them at considerable expense, so that the place is now particularly suitable for chessplayers. In the past the activities of the club have been hampered through having to change quarters from time to time, owing to the cafés, etc., changing hands. The members look forward to a successful season this year, and especially to the visit of the well-known master, Boris Kostich.

The club is truly international and has members from most nations. There are a few Chinese amongst them, and recently the members have been taking interest in the Chinese game of chess. It is proposed to try and interest the Chinese in the international game, which at present is almost unknown to them and the Japanese, who play their own games. It is hoped that Kostich's visit will help towards this.

The Chinese game is very similar to the international game, but instead of a King there is a General, whose movements are restricted to four squares which are his headquarters. He is accompanied by two Counsellors or Officers—"red tabs"—who are also

confined to headquarters. Two Elephants take the place of our Bishops, moving diagonally, but not more than or less than two squares at a time, and they cannot cross the river that intersects the board. The Horses have the same movement as our Knights, except that they cannot jump over a piece. The Carts move exactly as our Rooks. There is an additional piece, the Cannon, which takes pieces or gives check by jumping (or should we say firing?) over an intervening piece. There are only five Soldiers (Pawns), which move forward one square at a time, but when they cross the river they can move sideways or go forwards. They do not obtain promotion when they reach the eighth rank, and are not allowed to retire.

OBITUARY.

We noted briefly last month the death, much lamented by a wide circle of friends, of Mr. Frederick L. Armstrong, who, both under his original name of Anspach and under his later adopted name, was long prominent in London chess. He was a very loyal supporter of the Lud-Eagle Chess Club, of which he was several times champion; and for Surrey he did good service in the county championship matches.

Mr. Armstrong's death took place on July 24th after an operation, and he was buried at Nunhead on the 28th, his position of General Secretary of the Newspaper Society causing a large gathering of mourners at the funeral, in addition to private friends.

The following was one of Mr. Armstrong's best games. It was played on board 1 in a match between the Spreadeagle Chess Club and Hampstead in 1900.

GAME No. 5,431.

French Defence.

WHITE		BLACK		WHITE		BLACK	
R. C. GRIFFITH	F. L. ARMSTRONG	R. C. GRIFFITH	F. L. ARMSTRONG	R. C. GRIFFITH	F. L. ARMSTRONG	R. C. GRIFFITH	F. L. ARMSTRONG
1 P—K 4	1 P—K 3	15 B—Q 3	15 Castles				
2 P—Q 4	2 P—Q 4	16 K—Q 2	16 B—Q 2				
3 Kt—Q B 3	3 Kt—K B 3	17 B×Kt	17 P×B				
4 P—K 5	4 K Kt—Q 2	18 Q×P	18 R—B 3				
5 Q Kt—K 2	5 P—Q B 4	19 Q—Q 3	19 B—Kt 4				
6 P—Q B 3	6 Q Kt—B 3	20 Q—B 2	20 Q R—K B 1				
7 P—K B 4	7 Q—Kt 3	21 Q—Kt 3	21 B—B 5				
8 Kt—B 3	8 P×P	22 Q—R 4	22 B—R 4				
9 P×P	9 B—Kt 5 ch	23 Q R—Q Kt 1	23 R—B 7 ch				
10 Kt—B 3	10 P—B 3	24 B×R	24 R×B ch				
11 B—K 3	11 P×P	25 K—K 3	25 R—B 4				
12 B P×P	12 K Kt×P	26 P—K Kt 4	26 Q×P ch				
13 Kt×Kt	13 Kt×Kt	27 K×Q	27 B—Kt 3 mate				
14 Q—R 5 ch	14 Kt—Kt 3						

There died in Hungary on June 15th Emil Kemeny, a fine player, who for many years resided in the United States. In 1893 and 1894 he was champion of the Franklin C.C., Philadelphia; and in 1896 he challenged Showalter for the U.S. championship. Though he was

defeated, he won a beautiful game against the Kentuckian. Ill-health induced him to return to his native Hungary, twelve or more years ago, and prevented him taking a prominent part in chess for a long time.

It is with the deepest regret that we have to record the death, at the early age of thirty-one, of a fine young London amateur, Mr. Louis Savage, who on August 16th, while on a holiday in Switzerland, started out on a solitary walk to Grindelwald and, in spite of having been warned of the dangers of the road, determined to proceed. Up to the time of our going to press, no trace has been found of him; and it is too late to hope for his survival.

Mr. Savage, who was a teacher in a L.C.C. school, was one of the strongest members of the Metropolitan C.C., of which indeed he won the championship the last two years, and a pillar of the Middlesex county team, for which he played 6th board in the last championship match *v.* Surrey on February 21st. His win on that occasion was important to Middlesex, who only pulled through by the odd game. He was also one of the top boards of the London University C.C.

At the London congress in 1922 he took second prize in First Class, Section B. At Hastings in the New Year of 1923 he won the Major Open tournament; and a complete list of his successes would be a long one.

The death of Louis Savage is a sad loss to London chess.

CHESS NOTES AND PROBLEMS

(Continued from page 34)

The answers to the Junior Problems Nos. 9 and 10, page 298, July number, are as follows: **9.** White wins by 1 B-B 7, K-R 2; 2 K-K 6, K-R 1; 3 K-K 7, K-R 2; 4 K-B 8, K-R 1; 5 B-Kt 8, P moves; 6 P×P and mates next move. **10.** This position occurred in a game between Grünfeld and Dr. Tarrasch, and was won by the former by 1 B-R 4! P-K R 3; 2 Q-B 8 ch! Kt×Q; 3 B-B 6 ch, Resigns. Mate follows in three by 3... K-R 2; 4 R-Kt 7 ch, K-R 1; 5 R×B dis ch, K-Kt 1; 6 Kt-R 6 mate. If 1... R×Q; 2 B-B 6 ch, Kt-Kt 2; 3 B×Kt ch, K-Kt 1; 4 Kt-R 6 mate. If 1... B-Kt 3; 2 B-B 6 ch, K-Kt 1; 3 Kt-R 6 mate.

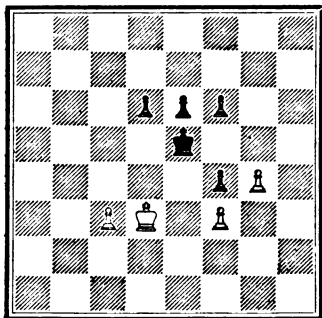
The solutions of the Senior Problems Nos. 9 and 10 (as amended in August number, *i.e.*, Black to play), page 299, are as follows: **9.** White wins by 1 B-Kt 8 ch, K-R 1 (if K×B; 2 K×B wins); 2 B-K 6 (not K×B, K×B draws, nor 2 K-R 6, B-B 2!), B-K 1; 3 K-B 5, K-R 2; 4 B-Q 5, K-R 3; 5 K-K 6, K-Kt 3; 6 K-K 7, K-Kt 4; 7 B-K 6, B-R 4; 8 B-B 7, B-Q 8; 9 B-K 8, B-Kt 6; 10 B-Q 7, B-Kt 1; 11 B-K 6. If 2... K-R 2; 3 B-B 5 forcing exchange. If 2... B-R 2; 3 K-R 6 (not P-B 7 because of K-Kt 2!), B-Kt 1; 4 B×B, K×B; 5 K-Kt 6, K-R 1; 6 K-B 7 wins. If 2... B-Q 6; 3 K-B 4 B-Kt 4; 4 K-K 5, B-K 1; 5 K-Q 6, K-R 2; 6 K-K 7, K-Kt 3 (B-R 4; 7 B-B 7 as in first variation); 7 B-Q 7! B-B 2; 8 B-B 5 ch and wins. **10.** From a game between Alekhine

and Yates played at Hastings, it appears that White has an overwhelming attack, but Black won by 1., R—B 8 ch; 2 K—B 2 (R—B 1 dis ch is of no use, as the Black King easily escapes to the Queen's side), Q—R 5 ch; 3 K—K 3, Q—K 8 ch; 4 K—B 3, R (B 1)—B 6 ch; 5 P×R, R×P ch; 6 B—Q 3, Q—B 8 ch; 7 K—K 3, R×B ch; 8 Q×R, Q×Q ch; 9 K×Q, K×R; the concluding moves are given in *Chess of To-day*.

PROBLEMS FOR JUNIORS.

Problem No. 11.

BLACK (5 pieces)

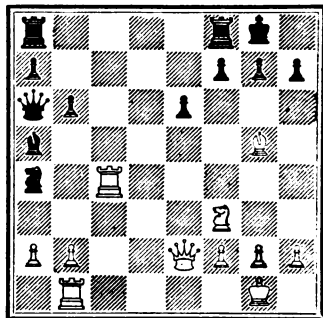


WHITE (4 pieces)

White to play and win.

Problem No. 12.

BLACK (12 pieces)



WHITE (12 pieces)

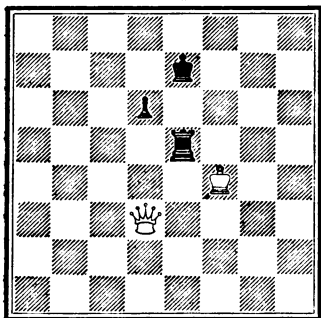
White to play.

How should he continue?

PROBLEMS FOR SENIORS.

Problem No. 11.

BLACK (3 pieces)



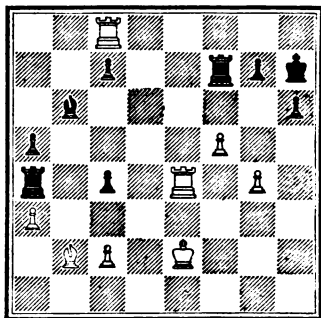
WHITE (2 pieces)

White to play.

What result and how?

Problem No. 12.

BLACK (9 pieces)



WHITE (8 pieces)

Black to play and win.

Solutions should be sent to R. C. Griffith, 18 Wedderburn Road, London, N.W.3, by September 30th, 1925.

GAME DEPARTMENT

Two games from the Marienbad tournament. Notes by J. H. Blake.

GAME No, 5,432.

Queen's Gambit Accepted.

WHITE
F. J. MARSHALL

1 P—Q 4
2 Kt—K B 3
3 P—B 4
4 Kt—Q B 3?
5 P—Q R 4
6 P—K 3

Better than 6 P—Q 5, P—K 3;
7 P—K 4, Kt×K P; 8 Kt×Kt
P×P, which occurred in a
Showalter v. Janowski match
game in 1916.

BLACK
D. JANOWSKI

1 P—Q 4
2 Kt—K B 3
3 P×P
4 P—Q R 3
5 P—B 4

6 P—K 3
7 Kt—B 3
8 B—K 2
9 Castles
10 P×P
11 Kt—Q Kt 5,

.....A strong post for the Knight, made possible by White's 5th move. White has eventually to part with a Bishop to get rid of this Knight; this suggests that his 4th move had better have been P—K 3.

12 Kt—K 5 12 P—Q Kt 3
13 Q—B 3 13 R—R 2

.....Probably 13... R—Kt 1 would have been better, for the reason that it would allow him to dispute possession of the Q B file after developing the Bishop.

14 Q R—Q 1 14 B—Kt 2
15 Q—R 3 15 K Kt—Q 4
16 Kt×Kt 16 B×Kt
17 B×B 17 Q×B
18 R—B 1 18 R—Kt 2

.....This is where the contingency last mentioned comes in. 18... P—B 3 would be premature on account of 19 Kt—B 4.

19 K R—K 1 19 P—Q Kt 4
20 P—R 5 20 B—Q 3

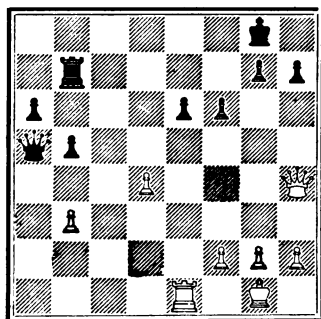
.....Now if 20... P—B 3
White could effectively reply with
21 Kt—B 3, Q×Kt P; 22 Q×
K P ch, etc.

21 B—R 3 21 R—Q 1
22 Q—R 4 22 P—B 3
23 B×Kt 23 B×B
24 Kt—B 6 24 B×R
25 Kt×R 25 Q×Kt
26 R×B 26 Q×R P

A questionable capture, which allows White to make effective use of the temporary division of the Black forces. 26... R—Q B 2 or 26... R—Q 2 would have been more forcible; or even 26... Q—Q 4 provided that upon 27 R—B 1 Black played 27... P—K R 3.

Position after 26... Q×R P.

BLACK (JANOWSKI)



WHITE (MARSHALL)

27 Q—K 4 27 R—K 2

.....The return of the Pawn by 27... Q—Kt 3 would draw.

28 P—Q 5! 28 P—K 4

36 P—K Kt 3

.....Probably the fatal error. •
He should prevent the White
Pawn reaching Q 6 by 28...
Q—Q 1.

Another subtle stroke; he
threatens now 37 R—R 8, R×P;
38 P×P ch! P×P; 39 Q—R 1 ch,
winning the Queen.

29 P—Q 6 29 R—Q 2

30 Q—Q 5 ch 30 K—B 1

31 R—Q B 1 31 Q—Q 1

32 R—B 6 32 P—Kt 3

.....32... P—Q R 4 loses by
33 Q—B 5!

33 R×P 33 K—Kt 2

34 P—R 4 34 K—R 3

35 Q—B 6 35 P—Kt 4

.....Practically forced, as
White threatened 36 R—R 8,
R×P; 37 Q—B 1 ch, winning
the Queen.

36 K—Kt 2

37 P×P 37 P×P

38 Q×P 38 K—B 3

39 R—R 5 39 R×P

40 Q×P ch 40 K—Kt 3

41 R—R 7 41 K—R 3

.....Q or R—B 3 loses by
42 Q—K 4 ch.

42 Q—Kt 7 ch 42 K—R 4

43 Q×R P ch 43 R—R 3

44 P—Kt 4 ch 44 Resigns

GAME No. 5,433.

Sicilian Defence.

WHITE

R. SPIELMANN

BLACK

Dr. S. TARTAKOVER

1 P—K 4

2 Kt—K B 3

3 P—Q 4

4 Kt×P

5 P—Q B 4

6 Kt—Q B 3

7 P—Q R 3

M.C.O. gives 7 B—K 2, B—
Kt 5; 8 P—B 3, Castles; 9
Castles, P—Q 4, from a game
between the same opponents in
1923.

8 B—K 2

9 Castles

10 B—K 3

11 R—B 1

12 P—Q Kt 4

An alternative line is 12 P—B 4,
in order to meet ..., B—Q Kt 2
with 13 B—B 3.

13 P—B 3

14 Q—K 1

1 P—Q B 4

2 P—K 3

3 P×P

4 P—Q R 3

5 Kt—K B 3

6 Q—B 2

7 B—K 2

8 Castles

9 P—Q 3

10 Q Kt—Q 2

11 P—Q Kt 3

12 B—Kt 2

13 Q R—B 1

14 Q—Kt 1

15 Q—B 2

16 Kt—R 4

17 Kt—Kt 2

Not 17 Kt—Kt 3 because of
17... Kt×B P; 18 B×Kt, P—
Q Kt 4, etc.

17 P—Q 4

.....This advance is not yet
sufficiently prepared for 17...
R—K 1 first was advisable.

18 K P×P

19 Kt—B 5

20 Kt×Kt

21 K B×P

18 P×P

19 Kt×Q B P

20 P×Kt

If 21 Q B×P Black still replies
..., Q—K 4, with a better game.

21 Q—K 4

.....21... P—Q Kt 4 would
allow White's Queen's Bishop to
seize the strong post at Q B 5
presently.

22 B—Q 3

23 R×R

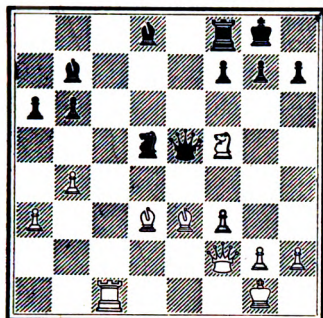
22 R×R

23 Kt—Q 4

.....The Queen's Knight's
Pawn must now be defended.

Position after 23.., Kt—Q 4.

BLACK (TARTAKOVER)



WHITE (SPIELMANN)

24 B—Q 4 24 Q—B 5
25 R—K 1 25 B—K B 3

.....A mistake, as White proceeds to demonstrate in very effective style. 25.., P—B 3 was the only sound course; then if White pins the Knight the reply is .., K—R 1.

26 B×B! 26 P×B
27 P—Kt 3 27 Q—B 2

.....27.., Q—Kt 4 loses the Queen by 28 P—K R 4, Q—R 4; 29 P—Kt 4, Q—Kt 3; 30 Kt—K 7 ch, etc.

28 Q—Q 2

Deadly. The reply 28.., K—R 1 is of no use because of 29 Q—R 6, R—K Kt 1; 30 R—K 8!

28 Q—B 6
29 Q—R 6! 29 Q×R ch
30 B—B 1 30 Resigns

GAME NO. 5,434.

Played in a recent Russian tournament. Notes by J.H.B.

French Defence.

WHITE

BLACK

P. ROMANOVSKI E. RABINOVITCH

1 P—K 4 1 P—K 3
2 P—Q 4 2 P—Q 4
3 Kt—Q B 3 3 B—Kt 5
4 P—K 5? 4 P—K B 3

.....White's last was scarcely any better at that stage than on the 3rd move. Black's reply to it should be 4.., P—Q B 4; if then 5 P—Q R 3, B×Kt ch; 6 P×B, P—B 5 (Nimzovitch), White is rather tightly shut in.

5 Kt—B 3 5 P—Q B 4
6 B—Kt 5 ch 6 K—B 1

.....A rather fanciful line, which certainly compels White's next move (to avoid .., P—B 5), but has little other merit. The destruction of White's centre is dearly bought at the price of Black's ability to Castle.

7 Q P×P 7 Q—R 4
8 B—K 2 8 P×P
9 Castles 9 Kt—Q B 3

.....And this is over-finessing. 9.., B×Kt; 10 P×P should

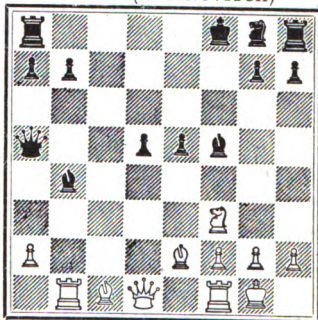
come first, then 10.., Kt—Q B 3 (not 10.., Q×P at B 6 because of 11 R—Kt 1 and 12 R—Kt 3).

10 Kt×Q P! 10 P×Kt
11 P—B 3 11 B×P (B 4)
12 P—Q Kt 4 12 Kt×P
13 P×Kt 13 B×Kt P
14 R—Kt 1! 14 B—K B 4

.....Oblivious of the risk run; 14.., Kt—K 2 or Kt—B 3 was safer.

Position after 14.., B—K B 4.

BLACK (RABINOVITCH)



WHITE (ROMANOVSKI)

15 R×B

Yielding a strong attack, but it is not clear that it should succeed.

Q—K 5); the latter course might turn out to be equivalent to offering a draw. The omission to take either of these courses leaves him helpless.

16 Q×P 15 Q×R
17 Q×K P 16 Kt—K 2
18 Q—Kt 2 17 Q—K 5
 18 R—B 1

19 B—K R 6 19 R—K Kt 1
20 Q—B 6 ch 20 K—K 1
21 B—Kt 5 ch 21 R—B 3
22 B×P 22 B—Q 2
23 B×R 23 Q×B
24 R—K 1 24 Q—B 4
25 B—R 6 25 K—Q 1
26 B—B 8 26 Resigns

.....Here he should either anticipate the storm, by 18... KR—Kt 1, or else keep the White Queen on the move by 18... Q—B 7 (if 19 Q×Kt P,

GAME NO. 5.435.

Played in an Argentine tournament last year. Notes by J.H.B.
Queen's Pawn Game.

WHITE BLACK
V. F. CORIA A. GUERRA BONEO
1 P—Q 4 1 Kt—K B 3
2 Kt—K B 3 2 P—K Kt 3
3 B—B 4 3 B—Kt 2
4 P—K R 3

To avoid having his Bishop exchanged by ... Kt—R 4.

4 Castles
5 Q Kt—Q 2 5 P—Q 4

.....5... P—B 4 or 5... P—Q 3 was preferable. By the text-move White's Bishop is left strongly posted.

6 P—B 4

Hardly consistent with his 3rd move, which indicated the intention of maintaining a Pawn at Q 4; that involves keeping in reserve the ability to play P—Q B 3.

6 P—B 4!
7 P—K 3 7 B P×P
8 Kt×P 8 Kt—B 3
9 Kt×Kt 9 P×Kt
10 B—K 2

Now 10 B—K 5 would be good.

10 Kt—Q 2
11 Castles 11 P—K 4

.....Not 11... B×P, because after 12 R—Kt 1 Black's Queen's Bishop's Pawn would be indefensible against 13 Q—R 4.

12 B—Kt 3 12 R—Kt 1
13 R—Kt 1 13 Kt—Kt 3
14 P—B 5 14 Kt—Q 2
15 Q—R 4 15 Q—B 2

.....A much better line was 15... Kt×P; 16 Q×B P, Q—K 2 (or ... Kt—K 3 at once) with good prospects of counter attack.

16 K R—B 1 16 P—B 4
17 Kt—Kt 3 17 Kt—B 3
18 Q—R 5 18 Q—K 2
19 Kt—Q 4 19 B—Q 2
20 Kt—B 3 20 Kt—K 5
21 Q×P ? 21 Kt×B
22 P×Kt 22 R—R 1

.....Black has now the superior position, but misconceives the direction in which he should seek compensation for his Pawn; that is 22... P—B 5; 23 Kt P×P (23 P—K Kt 4, P×P, and the Black centre will be crushing), P×P, and White has no satisfactory continuation. If 24 P—Q Kt 4, R—R 1; 25 Q—B 7, Q×P ch; 26 K—B 1, R×P, and wins. Or if 24 Q—R 3, R—R 1;

25 Q—Kt 4 (Q—Q 3, B—B 4!),
Q×P ch; 26 K—B 1, B—B 4;
27 R—K 1, K R—Kt 1, and wins.
Even after the text-move and
White's reply this plan is still
open to him.

23 Q—B 7 23 R×P ?
24 R—B 3 24 R—B 1

.....White's last was of course
intended to provoke 24..., P—K 5
—rather unwisely. 24..., P—K 5;
25 Kt—Q 4, B×Kt; 26 P×B,
Q—Kt 2; 27 K—R 2, P—K Kt 4
would leave White far from happy.

25 Q—Kt 7 25 K R—R 1
26 K—R 2 26 B—B 3
27 R—Q 1 27 Q—Q 1

.....Playing to win the White
Queen, oblivious (as the sub-
sequent play shows) of the
counter combination White has
been building up. However, his
plan was intrinsically good.

(See Diagram)

28 B—B 4 28 Q R—R 2

.....He should still have
continued with his previously
intended line of 28..., R—Kt 1;
29 B×P ch, K—B 1 (best); 30
Q×R, Q×Q; 31 B×R, Q×P;
32 K R—Q 3, B—K 1, and Black
has kept the superior game.

29 B×P ch! 29 K—Kt 2

.....29..., K—B 1 is better
here also.

30 B×P

A glorious combination!

30 R×Q
31 B×R 31 R—Kt 1

.....His last chance lay in
playing the Rook to B 1.

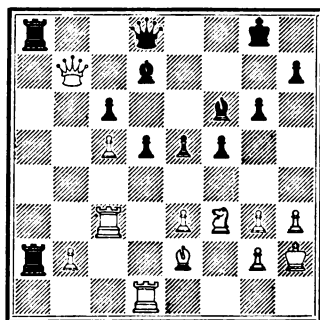
32 P—B 6 32 P—K 5
33 P—B 7! 33 B×R
34 P×Q (Q) 34 R×Q
35 P×B 35 P×Kt
36 P×P

Not 36 B—B 6, B×B; 37
R×R, P—B 7; 38 R—Q 1, B—
Kt 4, and wins.

36 Resigns

Position after 27..., Q—Q 1.

BLACK (GUERRA BONEO)



WHITE (CORIA)

GAME NO. 5.436.

[Played in the last Surrey County championship tournament.

Queen's Gambit Declined.

WHITE

BLACK

F. F. L. ALEXANDER E. MACDONALD

1 P—Q 4 1 P—Q 4
2 Kt—K B 3 2 P—Q B 4
3 P—K 3

Making things much easier
for Black than the more aggressive

line 3 P—B 4, which transposes
into the Tarrasch Defence.

3 Kt—Q B 3
4 P—B 4 4 P—K 3
5 Kt—B 3 5 Kt—B 3
6 P—Q R 3

The object is to develop the

Queen's Bishop by 7 P×P;
8 P—Q Kt 4, and 9 B—Kt 2.

6 B P×P
7 K P×P 7 P×P

.....Giving away time; he
should simply play 7... B—K 2.

8 B×P 8 B—K 2
9 Castles 9 P—Q R 3?
10 B—K B 4 10 Castles
11 P—K R 3

There is no immediate need to
provide for the Bishop's retreat;
he could play 11 R—B 1, and if
... Kt—K R 4, then 12 B—K 3,
threatening by P—Q 5 to get a
serious hold upon Q Kt 6.

11 P—Q Kt 4
12 B—Q R 2 12 Kt—Q 4

.....Apprehensive that 13
P—Q 5 is intended; but after
12... B—Kt 2 there is no
particular danger in that
manœuvre.

13 Kt×Kt 13 P×Kt
14 R—B 1 14 B—Kt 2
15 B—Kt 1 15 P—K Kt 3

.....White threatened 16
R×Kt, B×R; 17 Q—B 2,
winning a piece; or if 15...
R—B 1; 16 B—B 5. The text-
move forestalls both.

16 R—K 1 16 R—B 1
17 B—Q R 2 17 B—B 3
18 P—Q Kt 4

Not 18 R—B 5 because of
18... Kt×P! However after
White's next it becomes apparent
that Black's position is much
more unfavourable than it would
have been if, instead of playing
9... P—Q R 3 followed later by
... P—Q Kt 4, he had taken the
less showy line of 9... P—Q Kt 3,
followed by ... B—Kt 2.

18 B—Kt 2
19 R—B 5 19 Kt—K 2
20 B—Kt 5 20 P—B 3
21 B—K B 4 21 Kt—B 4

.....Presumably Black
hesitates to play 21... P—Kt 4

on account of the possible sacrifice
of White's Knight; but that is
hardly good enough; e.g., 21...
P—Kt 4; 22 Kt×P, P×Kt;
23 B×P, B—B 3; 24 Q—Kt 4,
Kt—Kt 3, and Black stands
better. White would therefore
have to play 22 B—R 2; when
... Kt—Kt 3; 23 Q—K 2, R—
K B 2, and Black's game holds
together.

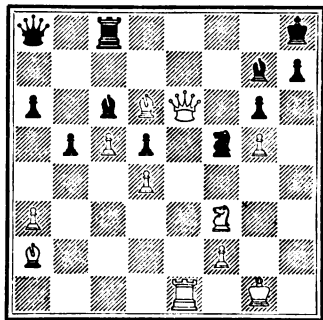
22 Q—K 2 22 K—R 1
23 Q—K 6 23 R×R
24 Kt P×R 24 Q—R 1

.....To give the Rook elbow
room against 25 B—Q 6, but the
consequences are grievous. The
alternative of 24... Q—B 1
(inviting 25 B×P) would be
unsatisfactory against 25 Q×Q,
R×Q; 26 P—Kt 4, Kt—R 3;
27 R—K 7.

25 P—K Kt 4 25 Kt—R 3
26 B—Q 6 26 R—B 1
27 P—K R 4 27 B—B 3
28 P—Kt 5 28 P×P
29 P×P 29 Kt—B 4

Position after 29... Kt—B 4.

BLACK (MACDONALD)



WHITE (ALEXANDER)

30 B—K 5

Here White misses an immediate
win by 30 Kt—K5, Kt×B;
31 P×Kt B×Kt; 32 P×B,
etc. Or 31... B—B 1; 31 Kt—
B 7 ch, K—Kt 2; 33 Kt—R 6 etc.
The excuse is clock pressure
the time limit in the Tournament

being thirty moves in an hour and a half.

30 R—B 1
31 Kt—R 2? 31 R—K 1

.....Failing to profit by his escape. The right course was 31... Q—B 1, for if 32 B×P, Q×Q; 33 B×Q, Kt×P, and Black is out of danger. If B×B ch the reply is ... K×B.

32 Q—B 7 32 B×B

.....32... R—K B 1 is much better, whereas the exchange of Bishops provides White with a winning advantage once more.

33 P×B 33 R—K B 1
34 Q—B 7 34 P—Q 5
35 P—K 6 35 B—R 8
36 Q—K 5 ch 36 Kt—Kt 2
37 Q—Kt 3

Not the shortest cut to victory; e.g., 37 P—B 3, B×P; 38 P—K 7, R—K 1; 39 R—K B 1, B—B 3 (... B—R 8; 40 R—B 2 or R—B 8 ch, wins); 40 Q—B 6, B—Q 4; 41 Q—B 8 ch, B—Kt 1; 42 B×B and wins.

37 Kt—R 4
38 Q—K 5 ch 38 Kt—Kt 2
39 P—B 3 39 B×P
40 P—K 7 40 R—K 1
41 Q×P

And still he doesn't see it!

41 B—R 8
42 Q—B 2 42 B—Q 4
43 R—K B 1! 43 B×B
44 Q—B 8 ch 44 B—Kt 1
45 R—B 7 45 Kt—B 4
46 R×Kt 46 Q—B 3
47 R—K 5 47 P—K R 4
48 P×P *e.p.* 48 Resigns

GAME NO. 5,437.

The following is the game between Kostich and Khadilkar in the Bombay tournament, mentioned in our last issue. Notes by P. W. Sergeant.

Two Knights' Defence.

WHITE	BLACK
V. KHADILKAR	B. KOSTICH
1 P—K 4	1 P—K 4
2 Kt—K B 3	2 Kt—Q B 3
3 B—B 4	3 Kt—B 3
4 P—Q 4	4 P×P
5 Castles	5 Kt×P
6 R—K 1	6 P—Q 4
7 B×P	7 Q×B
8 Kt—B 3	8 Q—Q R 4
9 Kt×Kt	9 B—K 3
10 B—Kt 5	

This was played by A. Olson against Bogoljuboff at Stockholm in 1919. 10 Q Kt—Kt 5 is usual; and 10 B—Q 2 has been tried.

.....The *Lärobok* takes the variation thus far, saying that Black has a good game.

10 P—K R 3	24 Q×R	24 Kt×P ch
11 B—R 4	25 K—R 1	25 B—B 4
12 B—Kt 3	26 P—Q R 4	
11 P—K Kt 4		
12 Castles Q R		

(See Diagram)

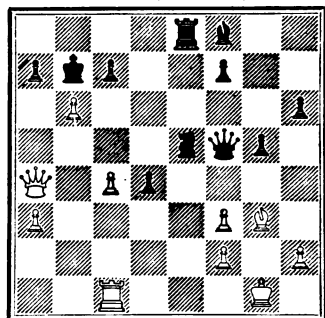
Kostich, in a note to this game in *The East African Standard*, says that, if 26 Q—Q 8, he would have played Q—K 5; 27 Q×P ch, K—R 3; 28 Q—B 8 ch, K—R 4 and wins.

- 26 P—Q 6
 27 P—R 5 27 Kt—Q 5!
 28 P—B 4 28 P—Q 7
 29 P—R 6 ch 29 K—R 2
Of course, if K×P, 30
 Q—R 8 mate.
 30 R—K B 1 30 Q—Q 6
 31 Resigns

There is not even a plausible move left for White.

Position after 23 P—Kt 6.

BLACK (KOSTICH)



WHITE (KHADILKAR)

GAME No. 5,438.

Played in a tournament at the Los Angeles Chess Club.

Alekhine's Defence, transposing into Four Knights' Game.

WHITE		BLACK		WHITE		BLACK	
E. M. GRABILL		Dr. M. SCHOLTZ		E. M. GRABILL		Dr. M. SCHOLTZ	
1	P—K 4	1	Kt—KB 3	12	Q—Q 2	12	R×P
2	Kt—Q B 3	2	P—K 4	13	K Kt—R 4	13	B—Q Kt 5 ?
3	Kt—B 3	3	Kt—B 3	14	Q—K 3	14	R×B P ?
4	B—Kt 5	4	B—Kt 5	15	Q—Kt 3	15	B—Kt 3
5	Castles	5	P—Q 3	16	Q—R 3	16	B—Q 7
6	Kt—Q 5	6	B—Q B 4	17	P—B 4 !	17	B×P
7	P—Q 3	7	B—K Kt 5	18	R×B	18	P×R
8	B×Kt ch	8	P×B	19	Kt×Kt P !	19	K×Kt
9	Kt—K 3	9	B—R 4	20	Kt—B 5 ch	20	K—R 1 ?
10	Kt—B 5	10	Castles	21	Q—R 4	21	Resigns
11	B—Kt 5	11	R—Kt 1				

GAME No. 5,439.

Played in a simultaneous exhibition at the Rochester Chess Club, N.Y.

French Defence.

WHITE		BLACK		WHITE		BLACK	
A. R. PATTERSON		G. MAROCZY		A. R. PATTERSON		G. MAROCZY	
1	P—K 4	1	P—K 3	12	Kt—R 3	12	Kt—Q 2
2	P—Q 4	2	P—Q 4	13	P—B 3	13	P×P
3	Kt—Q B 3	3	Kt—KB 3	14	P×P	14	Kt—Kt 3
4	Kt—B 3	4	Kt×P	15	B—Kt 3	15	B—Q 2
5	Kt×Kt	5	P×Kt	16	B—Q 6	16	P—Kt 4
6	Kt—Kt 5	6	P—KB 4	17	Q—K 2	17	Castles Q R
7	B—KB 4	7	Q—B 3	18	P—R 4	18	Q—B 2
8	Q—R 5 ch	8	P—Kt 3	19	P—R 5	19	Kt—Q 4
9	Q—Q 1	9	B—Kt 2	20	P—QB 4	20	Kt—B 2
10	P—QB 3	10	P—B 3	21	P—QB 5	21	B×P
11	B—B 4	11	P—KR 3	22	P—R 6	22	Kt×P ?

23 R×Kt	23 B×P	32 Kt×Q	32 P—K 4
24 B×B	24 Q—B 3	33 Kt—Q B 4	33 R—K 1
25 R×P	25 K—B 2	34 K—B 2	34 P—R 4
26 B—K 7	26 Q—Q 5	35 R—Q 1	35 P—B 5
27 B×R ch	27 R×B	36 R—R 5	36 P—K 5
28 R—R 4	28 Q—Q B 4	37 R×P	37 P×P
29 Kt—B 2	29 Q—Q B 8 ch	38 R—Kt 7	38 R—Q 1
30 Kt—Q 1	30 Q—B 4	39 Kt—K 5	39 Resigns
31 Q—K 3	31 Q×Q		

 GAME No. 5,440.

Played in the last New Zealand championship tournament, and awarded the prize for "best recovery."

French Defence.

WHITE		BLACK		WHITE		BLACK	
E. A. HICKS		J. A. MOIR		E. A. HICKS		J. A. MOIR	
1 P—K 4		1 P—K 3		13 R—K 1		13 Q×Kt P	
2 P—Q 4		2 P—Q 4		14 Q×Q P		14 Kt—B 3	
3 Kt—Q B 3		3 Kt—K B 3		15 B×P		15 B—Q 2	
4 B—K Kt 5		4 B—Kt 5		16 Q—K R 5		16 Castles Q R	
5 P—K 5		5 P—K R 3		17 Kt×P		17 Kt×P	
6 P×Kt		6 P×B		18 P×Kt		18 Q×Q P	
7 P×P		7 R—Kt 1		19 B—Q 3		19 Q—B 5 ch	
8 P—K R 4		8 P×P		20 K—Kt 1		20 R—Kt 4	
9 Q—R 5		9 Q—B 3		21 R—K 4		21 Q×R	
10 Kt—B 3		10 P—Q B 4		22 Q×R		22 Q—Kt 5 ch	
11 Castles		11 B×Kt		23 K—B 1		23 Q—B 6	
12 P×B		12 P—B 5		24 R—B 1		24 B—R 5	
				25 K—Kt 1	and a draw was agreed.		

 GAME No. 5,441.

Played in a tournament for the championship of Saxony, in January.

Queen's Pawn Game.

WHITE		BLACK		WHITE		BLACK	
A. GERISCH		H. VETTER		A. GERISCH		H. VETTER	
1 P—Q 4		1 Kt—K B 3		21 Kt—B 4		21 P—K 4	
2 Kt—K B 3		2 P—K Kt 3		22 Q—Kt 3		22 R—K 1	
3 P—B 4		3 B—Kt 2		23 Kt—Q 6		23 R—K 3	
4 Kt—B 3		4 P—Q 4		24 R—K 3		24 Q—K 2	
5 P—K 3		5 P—B 3		25 R—B 3		25 R—K B 1	
6 B—Q 3		6 Castles		26 K R—Q 3		26 K—R 1	
7 Q—Kt 3		7 P×P		27 Q R—Q 1		27 P—B 4	
8 B×P		8 Q Kt—Q 2		28 P×P		28 P×P	
9 Castles		9 Kt—Kt 3		29 Q—R 3		29 P—B 5!	
10 B—Q 2		10 Kt×B		30 Kt×P?		30 R—Kt 3	
11 Q×Kt		11 B—B 4		31 R—Q 7		31 B×P	
12 K R—K 1		12 Kt—K 5		32 Q—R 5		32 B—R 6 ch	
13 Kt×Kt		13 B×Kt		33 Q×R		33 B×R	
14 B—B 3		14 P—K 3		34 Q—K 4		34 B—R 6	
15 Kt—Q 2		15 B—Q 4		35 K—R 1		35 R—K Kt 1	
16 Q—K 2		16 P—Q B 4		36 R—K Kt 1		36 R×R ch	
17 P×P		17 B×B		37 K×R		37 Q—Kt 4 ch	
18 P×B		18 Q—B 3		38 K—R 1		38 P—B 6!	
19 P—K 4		19 B—B 3		39 Q×B P		39 Q—B 8 ch	
20 Q—K 3		20 K R—Q 1		40 Resigns			

GAME No. 5,542.

Played by correspondence, 1924-5, between the Capital City Chess Club, Washington, and the Cabrillo Chess Club, San Diego, California.

Vienna Opening.

WHITE		BLACK		WHITE		BLACK	
SAN DIEGO		WASHINGTON		SAN DIEGO		WASHINGTON	
1	P—K 4	1	P—K 4	25	P×Kt	25	P—Q R 4
2	Kt—Q B 3	2	Kt—K B 3	26	K—K 3	26	P—R 5
3	P—B 4	3	P—Q 4	27	P×P	27	P×P
4	B P×P	4	Kt×P	28	Kt×P	28	P—R 6
5	B—Kt 5 ch	5	P—B 3	29	Kt—K 5	29	K—K 2
6	Kt×Kt	6	P×Kt	30	R—Q R 1	30	P—R 7
7	B—B 4	7	Q—Q 5 ?	31	K—Q 4	31	K—B 3
8	Q—K 2	8	Q×K P	32	Kt—B 4	32	B—B 3
9	P—Q 3	9	B—Kt 5 ch	33	P—Kt 3	33	K—Kt 4
10	P—B 3	10	B×P ch	34	P—R 4 ch	34	K—B 3
11	P×B	11	Q×P ch	35	K—K 3	35	P—R 4
12	K—B 2	12	Q—B 3 ch	36	K—Q 4	36	B—K 1
13	Kt—B 3	13	Castles	37	R—B 1 ch	37	K—Kt 2
14	Q×P	14	Q×R	38	R—Q R 1	38	B—Kt 3
15	B—R 3	15	Q—B 3	39	K—B 3	39	K—B 3
16	B×R	16	K×B	40	R—B 1 ch	40	K—Kt 2
17	R—K 1	17	B—Q 2	41	R—Q R 1	41	B—R 2
18	Q×R P	18	Q—R 3	42	K—B 2	42	K—B 3
19	Kt—Kt 5	19	P—Kt 4	43	R—B 1 ch	43	K—K 3
20	B—Kt 3	20	Kt—R 3	44	R—Q R 1	44	K—B 4
21	Q×Q	21	P×Q	45	Kt—K 3 ch	45	K—K 4
22	Kt×P	22	Kt—B 4	46	K—Q 2	46	R—R 5
23	Kt—K 5	23	B—K 1	47	Kt—B 2	47	K—B 4
24	R—Q B 1	24	Kt×B	48	Kt—K 3 ch	Drawn game	

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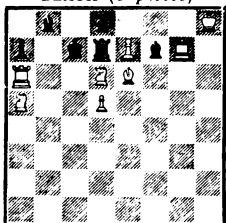
By B. G. LAWS.

All communications respecting problems must be addressed to Mr. B. G. Laws, 21 Nelson Road, Stroud Green, London, N.W.8.

We are sorry to announce that Mr. G. W. Chandler has decided, on account of business calls, to retire from co-operating in the conduct of the Problem Department of this Magazine. At the same time he resigns the position of honorary secretary of the British Chess Problem Society. We do not suppose that he will sever his connection with the problem world completely, since the enthusiasm he has evinced and the exceptional talent he has shown over so many years have proved so successful that the idea of his ceasing interest in the subject seems unthinkable. Our readers will, we feel certain, in sharing our regret in the step he feels constrained to take, wish him every success in the new business career upon which he is now about to enter.

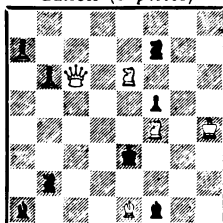
"GRAND MAGAZIN" 1924 COMPETITION.

First Prize.
By P. TEN CATE.
BLACK (6 pieces)



WHITE (8 pieces)
Mate in two.

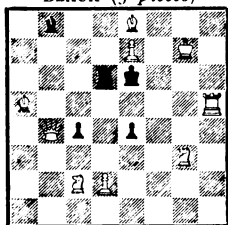
First Prize.
By K. NIELSEN.
BLACK (8 pieces)



WHITE (5 pieces)
Mate in three.

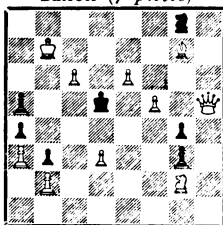
"LOOK ON THIS AND LOOK ON THAT."

By C. R. B. SUMNER
(1925).
BLACK (5 pieces)



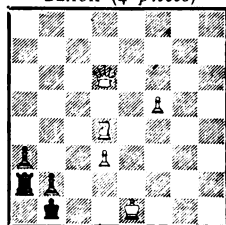
WHITE (9 pieces)
Mate in two.

By F. L. SIMHOVICI
(1924).
BLACK (7 pieces)



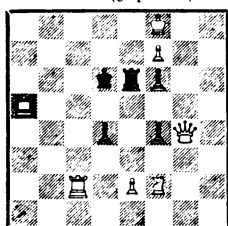
WHITE (10 pieces)
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By F. L. SIMHOVICI
(1924).
BLACK (4 pieces)



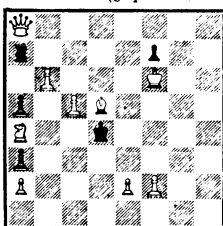
WHITE (5 pieces)
Mate in three.

By Mrs. F. F. ROWLAND
(1889).
BLACK (5 pieces)



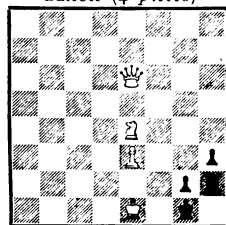
WHITE (7 pieces)
Mate in two.

By J. MÖLLER
(1897).
BLACK (5 pieces)



WHITE (9 pieces)
Mate in three.

By G. CHOCHOLOUS and
J. DOBRUSKY
(about 1880).
BLACK (4 pieces)



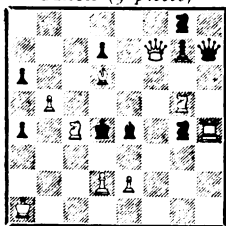
WHITE (4 pieces)
Mate in three.

The above three pairs of problems are submitted for comparison as they appear to us to offer interesting instruction. The three top positions are of recent publication whereas those below appeared years ago. The composers of the modern versions were no doubt in ignorance that their problems had been anticipated, but the

resemblances are so close that their acceptance as original works can hardly be entertained. We made a reference in March last (page 146) to the second case, Simhovici and Möller, and promised to allude to it again. The latter position we found in Mr. A. C. White's *Tasks and Echoes*. Sumner's two-mover was given in the *Chess Amateur* last April. Simhovici's lightweight three-mover we noticed in the July issue of a new and excellent chess magazine published in Basarabia, *Revista de Sah*, and is marked as having been awarded fourth prize in a Tourney at Soroca (Basarabia).

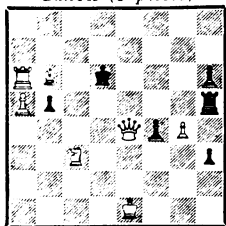
CHAKHMATY TOURNEY (1924) TWO- AND THREE-MOVERS.

First Prize.
By S. P. FILARETOFF.
BLACK (9 pieces)



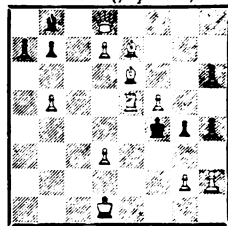
WHITE (9 pieces)
Mate in two.

Second Prize.
By K. A. L. KUBBEL.
BLACK (6 pieces)



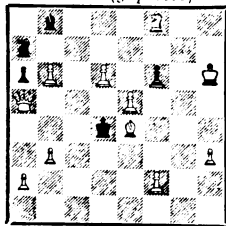
WHITE (7 pieces)
Mate in two.

First Prize.
By N. K. MALACHOFF.
BLACK (7 pieces)



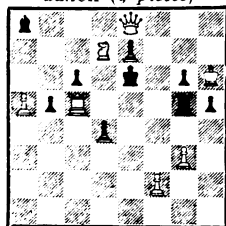
WHITE (11 pieces)
Mate in three.

Second Prize.
By ARVID KUBBEL.
BLACK (5 pieces)



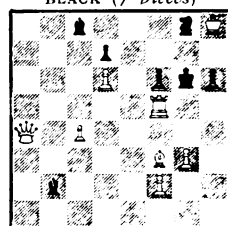
WHITE (11 pieces)
Mate in three.

Third Prize.
By M. W. TRONOFF.
BLACK (0 pieces)



WHITE (7 pieces)
Mate in three.

Fourth Prize.
By K. A. L. KUBBEL.
BLACK (7 pieces)



WHITE (8 pieces)
Mate in three.

We have had a long explanatory letter from Mr. F. Bennett, of Brisbane, in reference to the comments we made in our May issue upon the two positions we published under his name. He has composed problems for about forty years and no one, we are sure, would seriously suggest he was guilty of wearing "borrowed plumes." It appears the Galitsky position was set up by him to an interested circle of problem admirers at Brisbane in an interval whilst the championship of Australia was being contested in 1924, not claiming it as his own, but finding one of the onlookers trying to solve it upside down, he discovered there was a solution, hence the first position we gave on page 251. He disclaims having assumed authorship of the second

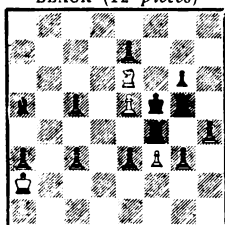
problem and it was accidental that in setting up Dr. Galitsky's three-mover from memory that he placed the White King on K 7 instead of on K 8 ; this inaccurate placing led to the discovery that the position reversed was capable of an entirely new line of play, and has resulted in a very interesting discovery. He concludes : " My accidental misplacing of the King brought about the ' reversed position.' I regret the unintentional slight to Dr. Galitsky, and if he is still ' on deck ' tender my acknowledgment."

" TIJDSCHRIFT VAN NEDERLANDSCHEN SCHAAKBOND " TOURNEY (1924).

Fantasy Problems.

First Prize.

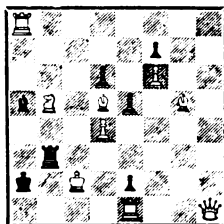
By L. SCHOR and
J. R. NEUKOMM.
BLACK (12 pieces)



WHITE (4 pieces)
Black to play and help
White to mate in four
moves.

Second Prize.

By W. BUKOFZER.
BLACK (7 pieces)



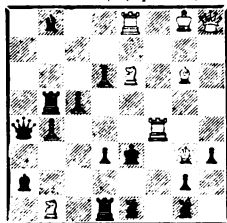
WHITE (9 pieces)
White self-mates in four
moves.

The Norwegian *Grand Magazin* offers sixty couronnes for the best three-mover and forty couronnes for the best two-mover contributed during 1925. Address : M. H. E. S. Bahr, Huitfeldtsgate, 7 à Oslo, Norway.

BRISBANE " MID-WEEK SPORTS REFEREE " FIRST HALF-YEARLY TOURNEY.

First Prize.

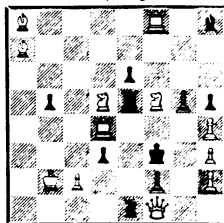
By A. ELLERMAN
(Buenos Aires).
BLACK (14 pieces)



WHITE (8 pieces)
Mate in two.

Second Prize.

By E. G. SCHULLER
(Java).
BLACK (10 pieces)



WHITE (12 pieces)
Mate in two.

Third Prize :

F. M. Lindeberg ;
hon. mentions, D.
van Dijk, P. ten
Cate, A. Ellerman
and R. Dent.

The judge was
A. Mosely.

SOLVERS' SCORE—"LADDER" COMPETITION.

Problems (July) 2,523 to 2,526 inclusive.

*Dr. Tennant Bruce (30) 5-5-10-10 (60); L. W. Cafferata (130); †A. T. Cannell (350) 5-5-10-10 (380); J. Chadwick (Sydney) (100); R. W. Clark (Canada) (155); *W. H. Cutland (485) 5-5-10-10 (515); J. W. Davis (190); †F. J. Dennis (0); *J. C. Derlien (100) 5-5-10-10 (130); Rev. A. S. Dean (365) 5-5-10-10 (395); R. J. Darval (Albara, Sudan) June 5-0-10-10 (25); J. Erpinosaf (Barcelona) (40); *C. Folley (520); A. Galbraith (135); **Albert Haddy (425+20) 5-5-10-10 (475); †W. F. Herbert (645) 5-5-10-10 (675); Rev. F. O'D. Hoare (530) 5-5-10-10 (560); ††G. Stillingfleet Johnson (40) 5-5-10-0 (60); N. V. Joshi (Pusa, India) (515) June 5-5-20-10 (555); †Frederick Lee (140) 5-5-10-10 (170); *J. A. Lewis (460) 5-5-10-10 (490); Herbert Lees (Auckland) (595); T. N. R. Leistikow (255) 5-5-10-10 (285); D. Murray (475) 5-5-10-10 (505); *Johannes Neilson (255) 5-5-10-10 (285); †A. Peacock (60) 5-5-10-10 (90); E. W. Punnett (245) 5-5-0-10 (265); T. Rosenfield (385) 5-5-10-10 (415); W. H. Rawlings (Montreal) (May 20) 5-5-10-10 (50); Rev. J. Schipper (185) 5-5-10-10 (215); F. W. Syberg (185); O. L. Telling (Monte Carlo) (110); "Tiro" (Ribe, Denmark) (480) 5-5-10-10 (510); R. G. Tyzack (140) 5-5-10-0 (160); A. C. Vaughan (275) June 5-5-10-10 (305) 5-5-10-10 (335); *Rev. E. Wells (200) 5-5-10-0 (220); W. A. Way (Malay States) (375); H. A. Warwell (55) 5-5-0-0 (65).

For the third time W. F. Herbert has succeeded in reaching the top rung. We find we omitted to credit A. Haddy for his double solution of No. 2,521, which we do above.

SOLUTIONS.

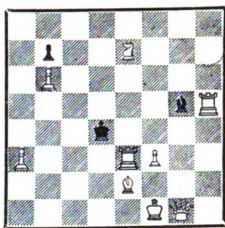
No. 2,523, by C. H. D. Clark.—The King at White's Q R 1 should be Black. 1 R—B 3. The position of the two White Rooks suggests that one has to move and there is a neat point which makes it necessary for the King's Rook to open the attack. Apart from the clever effect of the six defences, the avoidance of duals is a decided constructional feature.

No. 2,524, by B. J. de C. Andrade.—1 Kt—B 6. The effect of Black occupying the intersecting square by three different pieces and so obstructing the reaching powers of his own forces enabling the mates by discovery is piquant. The position, notwithstanding the Pawns can be solved from either side of the board.

No. 2,525, by E. Boswell.—1 Q—B 2, K—K 4; 2 Q—B 6 ch. If 1..., Kt—K 4; 2 Kt—Kt 2 dis ch. If 1..., K—B 4; 2 Q—B 2 ch. If 1..., P×P; 2 Q—Q 2 ch. If 1..., others; 2 Q—B 4 ch. A natural key-move to make. There are three models, the best following the defence of 1..., Kt—Q 4, the others being very familiar.

No. 2,526, by G. F. Anderson.—1 Kt—B 4, K—B 6; 2 R—K Kt 6 dis ch. If 1..., P×Kt; 2 R—Q R 6 dis ch. If 1..., R×Kt, R—R 3, K—Q 5, ×Kt or Q—Kt 3; 2 R—Q 6 dis ch. If 1..., R×B; 2 Kt—Q 2 ch. If 1..., others; 2 R—Q 6 dis ch. A capital key to strategic play, the reply to 1..., P×Kt is a little unexpected and clever. There is a double threat which results in some dual play. The model mates are unusual in character.

By B. J. de C. Andrade (Synthetic) (p. 365).—The subjoined diagram will give the solution of this rather puzzling Mutate-Synthetic, the only one of this class we remember having seen. One of our solvers suggested it was immaterial whether the Pawns on the Knight's file occupied a corresponding position of the Q R file, but this would allow a dual by the Knight. Only two solvers sent correct solutions, F. R. Adcock and H. A. Melvin.



Mate in two.

By J. J. Elben (p. 366).—1 B—B 6, B×B; 2 R—Kt 6. If 1..., Kt×B; 2 Kt—K 6. If 1..., P×B; 2 R—Kt 7. If 1..., R×B or P—K 6; 2 R×R P. If 1..., P—B 7, R—Kt 8 or R 8; 2 Kt×P ch. Mr. C. H. Brockelbank cooks this by 1 R—B 3 ch, K—Kt 7; 2 R×R P.

By W. Bukofzer (p. 366).—1 B—K 4, K×Kt; 2 Q×Kt ch. If 1..., K×R; 2 Q—Q 3 ch. If 1..., P—K 8 (Kt); 2 Q—K R 2 ch. If 1..., others; 2 Kt—B 7 ch. The two principal variations where the Queen is sacrificed and she mates at R 8 are bright. It is evident the composer, not finding any use for the White King had some trouble in fixing a location. We think, however, the Black Knight might have been spared.

By H. van Beck (p. 366).—1 Q—B 7, B—K 6; 2 Q×Kt P ch. If 1..., B×P; 2 Q×B. If 1..., B—B 4 or R 8; 2 Kt×B ch. If 1..., Q B moves; 2 Q—K Kt 7 ch. This is a mutate, and as usual the key is not readily discovered. As set, if 1..., B—K 6 White plays 2 Q—B 3 ch, and the turn of affairs when this is changed to 2 Q×Kt P ch is interesting.

By I. Olasz (p. 366).—1 Q—B 4. The effects of Q×R ch and K—B 4 following a good key are cleverly worked in. There is nothing else which one can consider commendable.

By K. Hajek (p. 366).—1 Q—Q 8. The first move is a rather natural one to make, but the four defences to the threat yield nice results.

By P. ten Cate (p. 366).—1 B—Q 3. A difficult two-mover to solve as White has several very promising modes of attack. The mate after 1..., K—K 6 is an unexpected one.

By Dr. N. Kovacs (p. 366).—1 Kt—Q 5. Black's threatened P×Kt shows the way here. The frustration of the threat allows three pleasant mates.

By M. Riedl (p. 366).—1 Q—K 2. Very heavy for the results obtained. The key-move gives Black three additional defences, but these do not result in artistic mates. It is not a mutate as some seem to think as no set mate is changed.

By W. Karsch (p. 366).—1 B—K B 4. Another added play of the waiting type. It is cleverly arranged so that White captures the Knight when it moves and thus discovers mate.

By P. ten Cate (p. 367).—1 K R—K 1. A showy and really good key-move, allowing both a cross-check and promotion. Some of the variations are quite ingeniously devised.

By R. G. Thomson (p. 367).—1 Q—Q 4. Rather following the old style of two-mover, but still well presented. Key good and variations nicely blended.

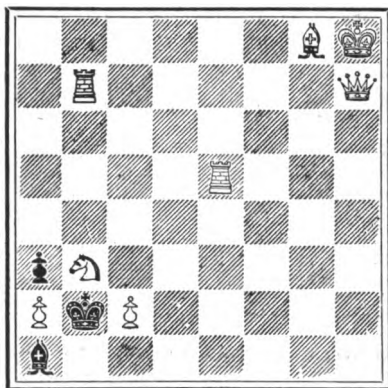
By T. V. Walker (p. 367).—1 R×P. The capture key has its redeeming features, but in a crowded position such as this the points of merit lose much.

ORIGINAL PROBLEMS.

No. 2,531.

By P. TEN CATE
(Leiden).

BLACK (3 pieces)



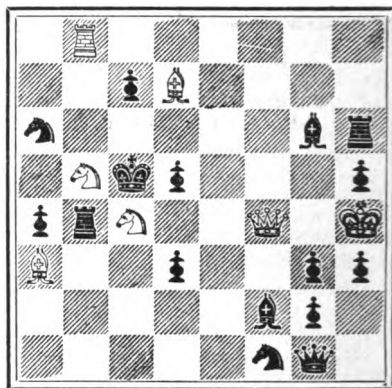
WHITE (8 pieces)

White mates in two moves.

No. 2,532.

By KENNETH S. HOWARD
(Rochester, U.S.A.).

BLACK (16 pieces)



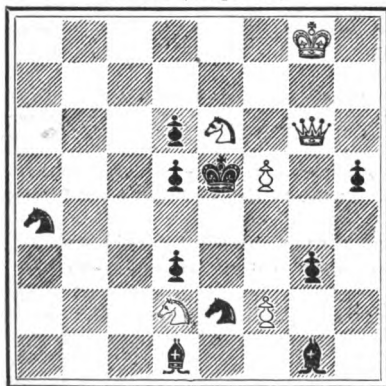
WHITE (7 pieces)

White mates in two moves.

No. 2,533.

By L. B. SALKIND
(Moscow).

BLACK (10 pieces)



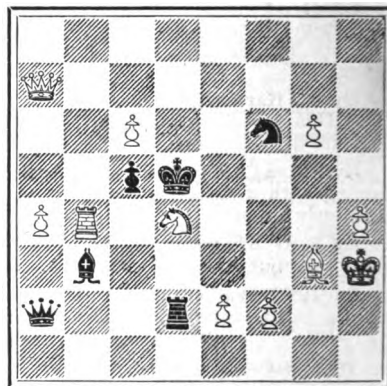
WHITE (6 pieces)

White mates in three moves.

No. 2,534.

By J. CAUVEREN
(Doetinchen, Holland).

BLACK (6 pieces)



WHITE (11 pieces)

White mates in three moves.

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INTERNATIONAL CHESS FEDERATION.

We have pleasure in giving a picture of the delegates who attended the Foundation Meeting at Zurich of the International Chess Federation. Thus after years of patient spade work Mr. Rees has seen his untiring efforts bear fruit. It now remains for the new organisation to show by energy, tact and enterprise that it is worthy to fulfil those duties which will be expected from it by the chess world. We believe that next year's meeting will be in Vienna, but in 1927 London will be the venue.

REVIEWS.

Schachmeister Steinitz. By Ludwig Bachmann. Second Edition. Part I. Ansbach : C. Brügel & Sohn A. G. Price 6 M., bound.

Even to those unacquainted with the first edition of this work the name of Herr Bachmann will be a guarantee that it is efficiently edited ; for few German chess-editors of to-day have turned out more useful little books for the benefit of the students of the game.

The present book, perhaps, can scarcely be called a little one. What lies before us is but the first of four parts ; and it alone contains some 360 games. It promises, therefore, to be a worthy memorial to one of the great geniuses at our game. It is, by the way, somewhat strange, seeing how long Steinitz resided in England, that the only collection of his games edited in the English language is the rather inadequate work published in New York in 1901. The fault, no doubt, is that of the chess-public, which gives small financial encouragement to those who undertake the laborious task of editing a master's games.

Herr Bachmann tells us in his new preface that he has succeeded in adding 40 games to his collection. Among these are 22 of the years 1859-60, all played in Vienna and preserved by the late Dr. Joseph Lerch, of Friedland. Apart from these, the scope of Part I of the book is Steinitz's chess between 1859 and 1873. We have thus the master's play illustrated from his 23rd to his 37th year, including his early days in London, from 1860 onwards ; his matches, all in London, with Anderssen, Bird, Blackburne and Zukertort ; and the tournaments of London (1862), Paris, Baden-Baden, London (1872), and Vienna. Numerous off-hand, blindfold and odds games are given.

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The frontispiece is the often reproduced photograph of Steinitz, taken at Hastings in 1895. We do not know that this is his most characteristic portrait. It is, so to speak, too smooth, compared with our own recollection of the man. We prefer that photograph of him, much about the same period, which is reproduced in Macdonnell's *Knights and Kings of Chess*. It seems to us to convey better the rugged force of the master's intellect.

OBITUARY.

Mr. Walter Harris passed away at Brighton on July 3rd at the age of 78. A supporter of the *B.C.M.* from its first number, he was a personal friend of the masters, W. Steinitz and S. Tinsley, and was well known in the chess world forty years ago.

News of the death of W. C. Sandford came as a painful shock to members of the Imperial Chess Club, of which he was champion in 1923.

Mr. Sandford played fifth board in the Cambridge University team of 1892 (with H. E. Atkins at board 1) and won his game *v.* G. A. Heginbotham. Soon after he went to New Zealand and became a close friend of F. K. Kelling. Returning to England after the war he joined the Imperial and City of London Chess Club and played for Lewisham St. Mary's in the London League.

The death occurred early in September of Albert Howell, hon. treasurer of the Lud-Eagle Chess Club, which thus loses its president (the late F. L. Armstrong) and treasurer within two months.

Mr. Howell was a life-long devotee to the game and a very strong player. For years he played for Surrey (at any board from 1 to 5) and often for the Clapham Chess Club. In his younger days he was a member of the Leeds Club at the time when C. G. Bennett, W. Gledhill and James Rayner were leading Yorkshire.

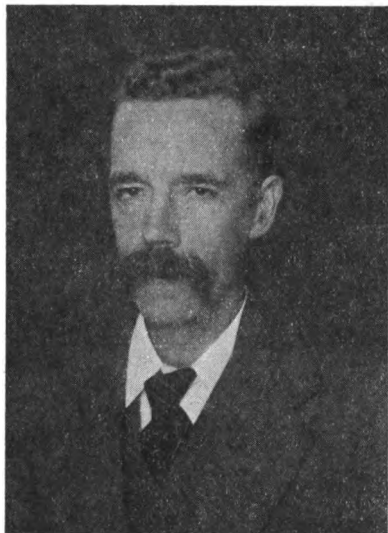
Professionally, Mr. Howell was an architect attached to Scotland Yard. A high official writes of him as follows:—

"Mr. Howell was in the Architectural Section of the Police Architect and Surveyors' Department from 1882 to 1922—forty years' service—being Superintending Assistant on his retirement. He had thus been intimately connected with all the new Police Stations and Courts, as well as major alteration schemes, during the greater part of that period.

"Although not ultimately responsible for these works, he undoubtedly left a very strong mark of his own individuality thereon. He was a most capable and discerning man, a very efficient public servant, a painstaking and conscientious worker, and a generous and single-hearted friend."

THE STRATFORD-ON-AVON CONGRESS.

The second week opened with most of the tournaments in a highly interesting condition. In the British championship, Atkins, Yates and Tylor were leading with 5 points each. In Round 7 Atkins was drawn *v.* Moses, who put up a very stout fight with a Q P opening, and it was an hour after the adjournment before the champion, who was a Pawn up, could force a win. Jacobs also played a long, gruelling game, but here the Pawn up did not win for Tylor, who had to be content with a draw after six hours of struggle. Yates, playing the Lopez defeated Blake. Winter provided the fireworks in this round with his game *v.* Uber (QP). Saunders defended the Queen's against Price and won cleverly in 34 moves, but Spencer who lost a piece for three Pawns in a Philidor's defence *v.* Gooding only won at the end of the evening.



H. E. ATKINS

British Chess Champion, 1925.



T. H. TYLOR

Won fourth prize. First time he has played for the championship.

In rounds 8 and 9 Tylor had to cope with Atkins and Yates respectively, and in each case he lost; but gave his redoubtable opponent a good game. It was round 10 which had a deciding effect on the championship, for here Yates lost his game to Price while Atkins won every game—till the final round, when Saunders effected a creditable draw with him. Jacobs, who finished up 8th with a score of 5 was the only man to draw blood from both Atkins and Yates. The veteran barrister is still youthful in his chess and we hope he will be often seen in this tournament in the future. His win over Spencer in the final round prevented that fine player from tying for second prize; but the Liverpool amateur has now done enough to be considered a master

of the game. A level-headed and modest man, he would be a highly suitable British representative for the Continental tourneys.

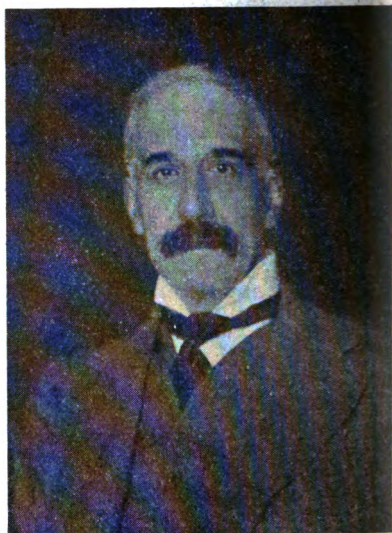
The success of T. H. Tylor in taking fourth place with a score of 7, is also most gratifying; it is specially pleasing to see a Midlander do so well when the congress takes place in his own Union. The scores obtained by the last four players do not represent their real strength. Saunders was too variable and Blake's health was below par all the second week.

Atkins' victory (his ninth) was very popular. He is the soundest and best British player living, and in our opinion a worthy successor of Staunton, Blackburne and Burn. Had he given his life to chess, we believe he would have gone as far as any of these.



H. E. PRICE

Of Birmingham, who beat F. D. Yates
in Round 10.



HERBERT JACOBS

Only player who took half a point from
both Atkins and Yates.

BRITISH CHAMPIONSHIP.

	I	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	T'l.
1 H. E. Atkins (Huddersfield) ..	—	I	$\frac{1}{2}$	I	I	I	I	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	I	I	I	9 $\frac{1}{2}$
2 F. D. Yates (Bradford) ..	0	—	I	I	I	0	I	$\frac{1}{2}$	I	I	I	I	8 $\frac{1}{2}$
3 E. Spencer (Liverpool) ..	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	—	$\frac{1}{2}$	I	$\frac{1}{2}$	I	0	I	I	I	I	7 $\frac{1}{2}$
4 T. H. Tylor (Birmingham) ..	0	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	—	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	I	$\frac{1}{2}$	I	I	I	I	7
5 W. Winter (London) ..	0	0	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	—	I	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	I	I	I	I	6
6 H. E. Price (Birmingham) ..	0	I	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	—	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	I	I	I	I	5 $\frac{1}{2}$
7 W. Gooding (London) ..	0	0	0	0	I	I	—	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	I	I	$\frac{1}{2}$	5
8 Herbert Jacobs (London) ..	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	I	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	—	0	0	0	I	5
9 H. Saunders (London) ..	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	0	0	0	I	I	—	0	I	0	I	4 $\frac{1}{2}$
10 J. H. Blake (Surbiton) ..	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	I	I	—	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	3
11 G. W. Moses (Hemsworth) ..	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	I	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	—	I	2 $\frac{1}{2}$
12 H. B. Uber (London) ..	0	0	0	0	0	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	I	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	—	2

In the Ladies' championship everything centred on the result of the ninth round game between the two leaders, and after a most exciting contest Mrs. Stevenson won, thereby depriving Miss Price temporarily of the championship which she has held for three consecutive years. It is five years since the new lady champion possessed the rose bowl, which she won at the Edinburgh congress after a tie with Miss Price. It has been supposed by many that Mrs. Stevenson's $10\frac{1}{2}$ out of 11 constitutes a record. This, however is not so, as Miss Finn, who won at Hastings in 1904—the first congress after the founding of the Federation—also went through her section with only the loss of half a point.



MRS. R. H. S. STEVENSON
British Lady Chess Champion, 1925.

year, save only in the 1915-18 gap—that is, seventeen times in all. Her lowest score was 4, and her highest this year's, *viz.*, $10\frac{1}{2}$. But she has made the wonderful average of over 7 points, and for the last nine competitions her average has been 8! A remarkably consistent performance! She twice tied for the honour before winning it—at Tunbridge Wells in 1908 (she was then Miss Lawson), and again at Cheltenham in 1913.

BRITISH LADIES' CHAMPIONSHIP.

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	T'l.
1 Mrs. Stevenson (London)	—	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	$10\frac{1}{2}$
2 Miss Price (London)	0	—	1	1	1	1	1	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	1	1	$9\frac{1}{2}$
3 Mrs. Michell (Kingston)	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	—	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	9
4 Miss Gilchrist (Glasgow)	0	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	—	1	0	1	1	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	1	7
5 Mrs. Houlding (Wallingford) ..	0	0	0	0	—	1	0	1	1	1	1	1	6
6 Miss Abraham (Herne Bay) ..	0	0	0	1	0	—	0	0	1	1	1	1	5
7 Miss Hooke (Watford)	0	0	0	0	1	1	—	0	1	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	$4\frac{1}{2}$
8 Miss Hutchison-Stirling (Edin.)	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	—	0	0	1	1	4
9 Mrs. Banting (London)	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	0	0	0	0	1	—	0	1	1	$3\frac{1}{2}$
10 Miss Chater (Penzance)	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	—	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	$3\frac{1}{2}$
11 Mrs. Sollas (Oxford)	0	0	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	0	1	—	1	3
12 Mrs. Brockett (Glasgow)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	—	—	$\frac{1}{2}$

Mrs. R. P. Michell played very well and finished third with 9 points. Everyone will be pleased when her name heads the list. Miss Gilchrist took fourth prize and but for one or two lapses in finishing off her end-games, would be higher still. She plays the openings well and is strong and imaginative in a complicated middle game. When she can win her won games the championship will be very close at hand.

The Major Open tournament taught several lessons. First, Mr. Drewitt, of Hastings, when his health permits, is a very strong amateur. Second, that C. R. Gurnhill, of Sheffield, is a very dangerous opponent. Third that *anno domini* is not always much handicap : witness O. C. Muller's score of 6 which brought him fourth prize !



EUGENE ZNOSKO-BOROVSKY

How so fine a player as O'Hanlon could only score $4\frac{1}{2}$ remains a mystery, but anyhow, he sustained his reputation as the best loser in the room. No one has ever seen the Irish champion express annoyance when beaten ; he is the pattern for all players who are unfortunate in the fray. J. H. Morrison's win over Znosko-Borovsky was a forceful and lively tilt, while Atkinson, of Hull, is another seasoned player who showed to advantage.

All were pleased to see the Russian master tie for first prize. An unassuming and pleasant fellow, he was in his element at Stratford. Since living in Paris he has been in practice as a dramatic critic, and he took full advantage of the opportunity to see Shakespeare in English. He is spending a fortnight at Coventry with that enthusiastic Midlander, W. L. Wakefield, and will give some displays and lectures at Birmingham, Coventry and other places.

MAJOR OPEN TOURNAMENT.

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	T'l.
1 J. A. J. Drewitt (Hastings) ..	—	$\frac{1}{2}$	I	I	I	I	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	I	I	I	I	$9\frac{1}{2}$
2 E. Znosko-Borovsky (Paris) ..	$\frac{1}{2}$	—	I	I	I	0	I	I	I	I	I	I	$9\frac{1}{2}$
3 C. R. Gurnhill (Sheffield) ..	0	0	—	I	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	I	I	I	I	I	I	$7\frac{1}{2}$
4 O. C. Muller (London) ..	0	0	0	—	I	I	I	I	0	0	I	I	6
5 W. Atkinson (Hull) ..	0	0	I	0	—	I	$\frac{1}{2}$	I	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	I	$\frac{1}{2}$	$5\frac{1}{2}$
6 J. H. Morrison (London) ..	0	I	$\frac{1}{2}$	I	I	—	I	I	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	0	I	5
7 J. Macalister (London) ..	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	0	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	—	I	$\frac{1}{2}$	I	0	I	$4\frac{1}{2}$
8 J. J. O'Hanlon (Portadown) ..	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	0	0	0	0	0	—	I	I	I	I	$4\frac{1}{2}$
9 W. H. Watts (London) ..	0	0	0	I	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	—	I	0	I	$4\frac{1}{2}$
10 J. E. Parry (Manchester) ..	0	0	0	I	I	I	0	0	0	—	I	0	4
11 R. E. Lean (Brighton) ..	0	0	0	0	0	I	I	0	I	0	—	0	3
12 F. C. Short (Walsall) ..	0	0	0	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	0	0	0	I	I	—	$2\frac{1}{2}$

In First Class A the leaders had some rough and tumbles. Sir Richard Barnett, M.P., who tied for first prize last year, contracted a chill and was almost too unwell to sit at his board for his last three games. H. A. Turriff, who played fine, sound chess till the middle of the second week, had several lapses and only secured third prize. A sharp attack of malaria half way through, proved a severe handicap for Col. Stuart Prince, who however, drew half his games.

The most consistent form was shown by the Kent amateur, S. G. Howell-Smith, who comes into his own after many valiant assaults on the keep, while A. D. Barlow must be congratulated on the painstaking efforts which enabled him to share first prize. The reappearance of G. D. Hutton, safely back from India, who once represented Scotland on the council of the B.C.F., was pleasing.

It was a Scot also who took premier honours in First Class, Section B, in the person of H. J. M. Thoms, the strong Dundee amateur. Only half a point behind him came Miss Vera Menchik, the nineteen year old girl player from Hastings. Her fine form reflected equal credit on the well-known players who have taught her, and her own skill and resource at the game.

FIRST CLASS TOURNAMENT (SECTION A).

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	T'l.
1 A. D. Barlow (London)	—	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	9
2 S. G. Howell-Smith (Hythe) ..	$\frac{1}{2}$	—	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	1	1	1	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	9
3 H. A. Turriff (Arbroath)	1	0	—	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	1	1	1	7 $\frac{1}{2}$
4 H. Parsons (Bristol)	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	—	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	1	7
5 Col. C. Stuart-Prince (Hyères) ..	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	—	1	1	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	1	1	7
6 Maj. Sir R. Barnett, M.P. (London)	0	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	0	—	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	1	1	1	6
7 P. C. Littlejohn (Nuneaton) ..	0	0	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	—	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	1	1	5 $\frac{1}{2}$
8 G. K. Nuttall (London)	0	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	—	0	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	5
9 G. D. Hutton (Dunbar)	0	0	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	—	0	1	1	4
10 Victor Coates (Uppingham) ..	0	0	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	0	0	1	—	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	3 $\frac{1}{2}$
11 J. W. E. Coley (Stroud)	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	0	0	0	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	—	1	2 $\frac{1}{2}$
12 A. Powell (Birmingham)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	—	0	0

FIRST CLASS TOURNAMENT (SECTION B).

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	T'l.
1 H. J. M. Thoms (Dundee)	—	0	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	8 $\frac{1}{2}$
2 Miss Vera Menchik (Hastings) ..	1	—	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	1	0	1	8
3 W. A. Hooper (Ipswich)	0	0	—	1	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	1	1	1	1	7
4 Dr. V. H. Rutherford (London) ..	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	—	1	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	1	6 $\frac{1}{2}$
5 Rev. W. R. Greenhalgh (London)	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	0	—	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	1	1	1	6
6 Rev. A. P. L. Hulbert (B'm'gham)	1	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	0	—	1	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	1	5 $\frac{1}{2}$
7 Mrs. Holloway (Bromley)	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	—	0	1	1	0	5	5
8 F. Salmony (London)	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	0	—	1	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	5
9 Lieut. Leslie Vine (Bridgwater) ..	0	0	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	0	—	0	1	1	4 $\frac{1}{2}$
10 E. Barton-Eckett (Durham)	0	0	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	1	1	—	0	1	4
11 F. Wilkinson (Kingston)	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	1	—	0	3 $\frac{1}{2}$
12 Dr. E. H. Smith (London)	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	0	1	—	2 $\frac{1}{2}$

In Second Class A, victory went to Professor Genese, who in accepting the prize, made a little speech emphasising the absurdity of the belief that only young men can do well in these contests. He is now seventy-seven and stated that he expected to play in the Major Open when 90, and enter for the championship when 100. (Laughter, but much applause).

SECOND CLASS TOURNAMENT (SECTION A).

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	T'l.
1 Prof. R. W. Genese (Tunbr'ge W.)	—	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	9
2 G. W. Powell (Stroud)	1	—	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	8
3 S. P. Lees (Merton)	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	—	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	1	1	1	$7\frac{1}{2}$
4 W. L. Wakefield (Coventry) ..	0	0	1	—	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	1	1	1	7
5 Rev. M. Hooppell (Stoke) ..	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	—	0	1	1	0	0	1	1	6
6 H. S. Shelton (Teddington) ..	0	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	1	—	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	1	1	1	6
7 G. Breese (Wimbledon)	0	1	0	1	0	1	—	0	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	1	$5\frac{1}{2}$
8 A. F. Anderton (Grays)	0	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	—	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	1	5
9 H. D. Osborn (Gosport)	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	—	0	1	0	4
10 Miss Cotton (London)	0	0	0	0	1	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	—	0	1	4
11 Miss Andrews (London)	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	—	1	3	3
12 J. E. Coleman (Grays)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	—	1

Second Class B showed some very even scoring. The winner was $8\frac{1}{2}$, second prize went for $7\frac{1}{2}$, while there was a triple tie for third place with scores of 7. This was followed by two at $6\frac{1}{2}$ and three at $5\frac{1}{2}$, the whole making a most interesting competition.

SECOND CLASS TOURNAMENT (SECTION B).

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	T'l.
1 S. J. Osborn (London)	—	1	1	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	1	0	1	1	1	1	$8\frac{1}{2}$
2 R. W. Rushton (Leagrave) ..	0	—	0	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	$7\frac{1}{2}$
3 M. White (Cardiff)	0	1	—	1	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	7
4 A. C. Faulkner (Wallington) ..	1	1	0	—	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	1	7
5 A. T. Cannell (Norwich)	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	1	—	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	1	1	7
6 H. Hinchcliffe (Huddersfield) ..	0	0	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	—	1	1	0	0	1	1	$6\frac{1}{2}$
7 G. A. Youngman (Maidstone) ..	0	0	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	—	0	1	1	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	$5\frac{1}{2}$
8 W. Barker (Wolverhampton) ..	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	—	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	1	1	$5\frac{1}{2}$
9 G. M. Rowson (London)	0	0	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	—	1	1	1	$5\frac{1}{2}$
10 A. H. Hart (Teignmouth)	0	0	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	1	0	0	0	—	1	1	$4\frac{1}{2}$
11 Miss Malcolm (Edinburgh) ..	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	—	1	1
12 Mrs. Chase (London)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	0	0	—	$\frac{1}{2}$

Third Class A suffered by three withdrawals. This undoubtedly detracted from the interest and caused hardship to several competitors, especially W. A. Aston. The latter actually played all three of the defaulters and dropped half a point to one of them.

Third Class, Section B was intentionally weaker than Section A, and this tournament must be considered a great success. Four of the players were under twenty-one years of age, but all the twelve played with a keenness which gave great pleasure to the executive as well as to themselves. Some of them will soon be far too strong for Third Class.

THIRD CLASS TOURNAMENT (SECTION A).

	I	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	6	10	11	12	
1 R. Oswald Platt (Gloucester) ..	—	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	I	I	I	I	I	I	I*	I	I*	9 $\frac{1}{2}$
2 Hon. A. J. Lowther (London) ..	$\frac{1}{2}$	—	I	I	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	I	I	I	I*	I	I*	9
3 W. E. Jones (Conover) ..	I	0	—	0	I	I	$\frac{1}{2}$	I	I	I	I*	I*	8 $\frac{1}{2}$
4 W. A. Aston (Birmingham) ..	0	0	I	—	0	I	I	I	I	$\frac{1}{2}$	I	I	7 $\frac{1}{2}$
5 G. W. Bedford (London) ..	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	I	—	0	I	I	I	I*	I*	I*	7 $\frac{1}{2}$
6 J. J. J. Ellison (Shrewsbury) ..	0	I	0	0	I	—	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	I	I*	I	I*	6 $\frac{1}{2}$
7 Miss E. M. Beddall (Bexhill) ..	0	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	0	I	—	I	I	0	I*	I	5 $\frac{1}{2}$
8 Miss K. Eyre (Prestbury) ..	0	0	0	0	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	—	I	I*	I*	I*	4 $\frac{1}{2}$
9 Miss E. de Veer Pickop (Colwyn) ..	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	—	I*	I*	I*	3
10 T. E. Dodds (Birmingham) ..	0*	0*	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	0*	0*	I	0*	0*	—	0	I	2 $\frac{1}{2}$
11 W. H. Reynolds (Rugby) ..	0	0	0*	0	0*	0	0*	0*	0*	I	—	I	2
12 P. W. Darbyshire (Poynton) ..	0*	0*	0*	0	0*	0*	0	0*	0*	0*	0	—	0

* By default.

THIRD CLASS TOURNAMENT (SECTION B).

	I	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	T'l.
1 M. L. Adler (London) ..	—	I	$\frac{1}{2}$	I	$\frac{1}{2}$	I	I	I	I	I	I	I	10
2 Miss L. Eeling (Margate) ..	0	—	0	I	I	I	$\frac{1}{2}$	I	I	I	I	I	8 $\frac{1}{2}$
3 Victor Soanes (Loughton) ..	$\frac{1}{2}$	I	—	$\frac{1}{2}$	I	I	0	0	I	I	I	I	8
4 Mrs. Mackereth (Buxton) ..	0	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	—	$\frac{1}{2}$	I	0	I	I	I	I	I	7
5 A. C. Steadman (Bristol) ..	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	—	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	I	0	I	I	I	6
6 Mrs. Healey (Mossley) ..	0	0	0	0	0	—	I	I	0	I	I	I	5 $\frac{1}{2}$
7 Miss Olga Menchik (Hastings) ..	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	I	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	—	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	I	I	$\frac{1}{2}$	5
8 Miss E. Pannell (London) ..	0	0	I	0	0	0	I	—	I	0	I	I	5
9 Mrs. Vine (Bridgwater) ..	0	0	I	0	I	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	—	$\frac{1}{2}$	I	I	5
10 Mrs. Fish (Worthing) ..	0	0	0	0	0	I	0	I	$\frac{1}{2}$	—	0	I	3 $\frac{1}{2}$
11 Mrs. Ross (Glasgow) ..	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	I	—	I	2
12 Mrs. McVean (Bournemouth) ..	0	0	0	0	0	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	0	0	0	—	$\frac{1}{2}$

On Tuesday, August 25th, fifty of the congress party visited Sulgrave Manor, the ancestral home of the Washingtons, and saw the family arms on the old doorposts which are said to be the origin of the stars and stripes.

This historical old manor house has been beautifully restored by the Sulgrave Institution and contains Washington relics and furniture which every Englishman should see. Every American who visits England *does* go to Sulgrave.

The second Lightning tournament resulted in another win for C. R. Gurnhill, in an entry of sixty players.

The Problem Solving tournament took place on the Monday afternoon and resulted in a tie between two old and experienced solvers, John Keeble and F. R. Adcock, both of Norwich. A new departure in this event: eight problems were set instead of the usual four, these having been chosen by the committee of the British Chess Problem Society.

One very pleasing feature of the congress was the presence of quite a number of former champions and prominent supporters of chess. Among the latter was Mrs. Arthur Rawson, president of the Imperial Chess Club, who had the enterprise to obtain permission

for the chess party to visit the Guildhall Chapel. It was here that Shakespeare attended divine service in the days of his youth. Afterwards the actual school was visited and the members were privileged to see the tablet which marks the place where the poet probably sat at his studies. The conductor made one point clear which is by no means generally understood. William Shakespeare had as good a preparatory education as was obtainable in England at that time. The school at Stratford ranked before Eton!

Miss Finn, the first lady champion, was in the room every day, and attended the various excursions and outings.

The final meeting took place on August 29th, there being a large attendance. The Federation president, Canon Gordon Ross was in the chair, and his presence gave great pleasure to all. Since he succeeded the late Sir John Thursby, he has worthily upheld the traditions of president. He is very enthusiastic for the success of the Federation and always most generous in support.

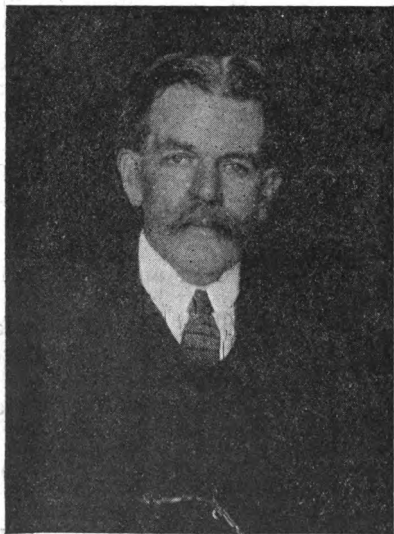
The prizes were presented by that all-round sportswoman, Lady Margaret Hamilton-Russell.

Sir Richard Barnett then made one of his happiest speeches. He began with a few graceful words of thanks to Lady Margaret, which were warmly acknowledged by the company. He then paid a fitting tribute to Stratford-on-Avon, fortunate not only in its historical interests, but in its progressive Mayor and Corporation, its beautiful Memorial Theatre and Museum, and the first-class body of actors taking part in the Festival. All the chessplayers, he said, would henceforth be missionaries for Stratford, who would again and again visit this attractive old town. He also praised the action of the

Midland Counties Chess Union for their choice of venue, and complimented A. J. Mackenzie, its moving spirit, for all his work. It was easy to see from Sir Richard's speech why he is so popular in his constituency and always comes home with a big majority.

H. H. Tucker, trustee of the Permanent Fund for the Midland Union acknowledged the warm appreciation expressed by all, of the dispositions made by the Union in organising the congress, after which A. J. Mackenzie, amid much applause, said how glad he was his actions were so keenly approved.

The Mayor, a born orator, replied in his inimitable way on behalf of the town, and



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the Rev. H. Young, Vicar of Shottery and local secretary for the congress, and himself an author of several books, was thanked for some unostentatious but very useful spadework.

A vote of thanks to the Press ably given in serio-comic style by Herbert Jacobs, was responded to by E. S. Tinsley chess editor of *The Times*, who stated he was very pleased to know that the large amount of detailed work which must be done by each press representative during the strenuous fortnight was realised and appreciated by the players.

The congress conductor, R. H. S. Stevenson, received a handsome present from the competitors in recognition of his services, and in thanking them said he greatly appreciated their confidence in trusting him for six consecutive years with the running of their annual congress.

DEBRECZIN MASTERS' TOURNAMENT.

The principal event at the Hungarian International congress ended in a fine victory for the Viennese expert, Hans Kmoch, who achieved the best performance of his career so far, coming out no less than $1\frac{1}{2}$ points ahead of Tartakover and Johner, and $2\frac{1}{2}$ of Grünfeld and Vukovitch. He is obviously a force to be reckoned with in future master events.

Tartakover's score, and Grünfeld's, were spoilt by too many drawn games—7 each. Przepiorka's showing was poor; but worse still was Mattison's. Other players who are known in England are Seitz, Steiner and Vadja, all of whom had to be content with but moderate success.

In the *Hauptturnier* contests, which were also international affairs, 48 players in all took part, being divided into two groups. In the final of the first group two Hungarians, P. Rethy and B. Sarközy, tied with 5 points each out of 8 games, Rethy winning the play-off. F. Apscheneek, of Latvia, scored 4. In the other group there was a tie between two Viennese, Hans Müller and B. Hönlinger, with $5\frac{1}{2}$ points each. Müller won the play-off.

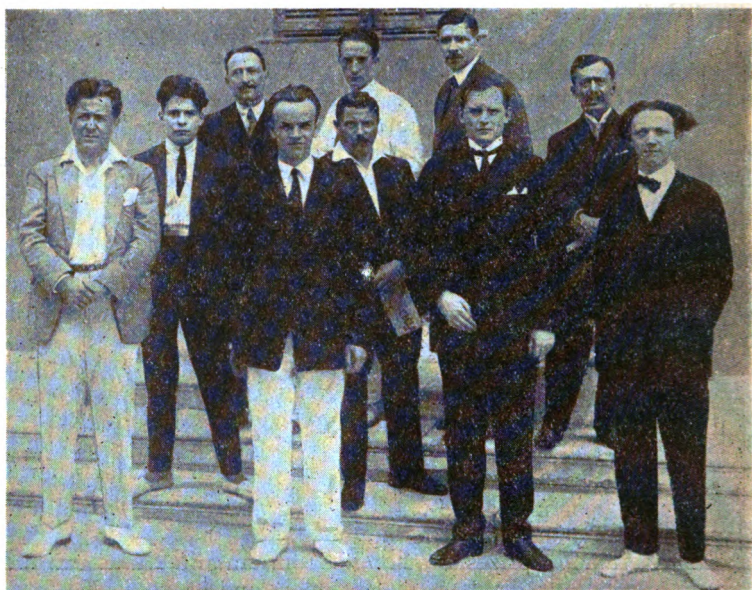
Table of the masters' tournament.

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	Score
1 H. Kmoch ..	—	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	1	1	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	1	1	1	0	1	10
2 P. Johner ..	1	—	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	1	1	0	1	1	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	8 $\frac{1}{2}$
3 S. Tartakover ..	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	—	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	8 $\frac{1}{2}$
4 E. Grünfeld ..	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	—	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	7 $\frac{1}{2}$
5 V. Vukovitch ..	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	—	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	1	1	1	1	7 $\frac{1}{2}$
6 A. Havasi ..	0	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	1	—	0	1	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	1	1	6
7 L. Prokes ..	0	0	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	—	1	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	1	1	1	6
8 A. Seitz ..	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	—	1	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	1	0	6
9 L. Steiner ..	0	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	1	0	—	0	1	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	6
10 D. Przepiorka ..	0	0	0	1	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	1	—	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	1	0	5 $\frac{1}{2}$
11 L. Asztalos ..	0	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	0	0	1	1	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	—	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	5
12 O. Nagy ..	0	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	—	1	1	5
13 A. Vadja ..	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	—	1	5
14 H. Mattison ..	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	0	—	4 $\frac{1}{2}$

FRENCH NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP.

The third national championship of France was fought out at Nice, September 2nd—11th, and the result was a victory for the holder, Robert Crépeaux, of Grasse, who was introduced to English players at Bromley last Easter.

It was hoped to have, besides the entries of MM. Crépeaux, Renaud (champion, 1923), Silbert, Lazard, Bertrand and Chéron, those of MM. Goetz (champion, 1893 and 1914) and Muffang (never official champion, but, as our readers know, at his best the strongest of modern French masters). The last two, however, found themselves



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Back Row: Lazard, Duchamp, Casier, Silbert

Front Row: Chéron, Bertrand, Crépeaux, Gaudin, Alekhine, (*Referee*), Renaud.

unable to accept the invitation to play, and the vacancies were filled by MM. Casier, Duchamp and Gaudin—the number of competitors being increased from eight to nine, with a consequent bye every day.

In addition, there was an "A" tournament, to the winner of which was promised the privilege of competing for next year's championship. Interesting entries for this were the Parisian boy, Aristide Gromer, and three other young players, Betbeder, de Lucovitch and Plantier, all of whom were admitted to give them practice.

The early rounds of the championship brought out two facts very strongly, that Crépeaux was in good form, and that Renaud, who as Nice's leading player was *commissaire général* of the congress, was finding his duties a sad hindrance to his play. Crépeaux, starting with a bye, won his first two games, and, after a draw with Cheron in the fourth round, in the fifth met and defeated Silbert, who up to then had scored 3 wins and a draw. On the other hand, Renaud had then lost all his 5 games. Crépeaux continued in winning vein until the last round, when he lost to Lazard; but he could easily afford to lose, being already a whole point ahead of Silbert, whose bye came in this round, and two points ahead of Lazard. Lazard with his defeat of the champion, drew up level with Silbert. Renard greatly improved his score with a win in the last round.

We congratulate M. Crépeaux on his victory and hope that, with his additional honours, he will visit England again.

Table of the championship:—

	I	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Sc're	Prizes
1 R. Crépeaux	—	0	1	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	1	1	1	6 $\frac{1}{2}$	I
2 F. Lazard	1	—	0	0	1	1	1	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	5 $\frac{1}{2}$	} II/ III IV/ V
3 A. Silbert	0	1	—	1	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	1	1	5 $\frac{1}{2}$	
4 H. Bertrand	0	1	0	—	1	0	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	4 $\frac{1}{2}$	
5 A. Chéron	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	1	0	—	0	1	1	1	4 $\frac{1}{2}$	
6 M. Duchamp	0	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	1	—	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	1	4	
7 R. Gaudin	0	0	0	0	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	—	1	1	2 $\frac{1}{2}$	
8 R. Casier	0	0	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	1	0	—	0	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	
9 G. Renaud	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	0	0	0	0	1	—	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	

In the "A" tournament Gromer, starting with a bye, went on from victory to victory until, in round 6, Anglade spoilt his score for him. In consequence Betbeder, whom he had beaten in round 5, was able to tie with him, both winning in the final round and thus scoring 7 each out of a possible 8. Complete scores: Betbeder and Gromer, 7; Anglade and de Lucovitch, 5 $\frac{1}{2}$; Mouterde, 3 $\frac{1}{2}$; Plantier, 3; Devitte, 2 $\frac{1}{2}$; Pillon, 1 $\frac{1}{2}$; Daum, $\frac{1}{2}$.

The brilliancy prizes in the two tournaments were awarded to Lazard (*v.* Cheron), Gromer (*v.* Betbeder) and Anglade (*v.* Gromer).

The following is the score of the first brilliancy prize game:—

GAME No. 5,543.

Queen's Gambit Declined.

WHITE		BLACK		WHITE		BLACK	
F. LAZARD		A. CHERON		F. LAZARD		A. CHERON	
1 P—Q 4		1 P—Q 4		7 R—B 1		7 Castles	
2 P—Q B 4		2 P—K 3		8 B—Q 3		8 P×P	
3 Kt—Q B 3		3 Kt—K B 3		9 B×P		9 P—Q R 3	
4 B—Kt 5		4*Q Kt—Q 2		10 Castles		10 P—Kt 4	
5 P—K 3		5 B—K 2		11 B—Q 3		11 P—Q B 4	
6 Kt—B 3		6 P—B 3		12 P—Q R 4		12 P—Q B 5	

13 B—Kt 1	13 Kt—Q 4	27 B—B 2	27 P—Kt 4
14 Q—B 2	14 P—Kt 3	28 P×P	28 P×P
15 B—R 6	15 R—K 1	29 R—Kt 1	29 P—Kt 5
16 P—K 4	16 Kt×Kt	30 Kt—K 1	30 R—R 4
17 P×Kt	17 B—Kt 2	31 Q—B 1	31 R—B 1
18 Kt—K 1	18 Kt—B 3	32 Q—R 6	32 R—B 2
19 Q—K 2	19 Q—Kt 3	33 K—R 1	33 Q—Q 2
20 B—Kt 5	20 Q—B 3	34 R—Q 1	34 B—Q 4
21 B×Kt	21 B×B	35 K—Kt 1	35 R—Kt 2
22 P×P	22 P×P	36 Q—B 1	36 B—Kt 4
23 P—K B 4	23 B—Q 1	37 Q—Kt 1	37 B—K 6 ch
24 Kt—B 3	24 P—B 3	38 K—R 1	38 R—K R 2
25 P—K 5	25 P—B 4	39 Resigns	
26 Q—Kt 2	26 P—R 3		

NEWS FROM THE BRITISH ISLES

Mr. Rees is now getting out the list of congress matches and fixtures for 1925-6, and all life members of the British Chess Federation should receive one in the course of the next few days, if indeed it has not already arrived. It is pleasing to see some of the Northern fixtures now included, especially the Edwin Woodhouse cup matches and the Cheshire cup competition.

British Chess Federation Congress for 1926.—It is now definitely settled that this event shall take place in Edinburgh, as the Scottish Chess Association have again nominated their capital. Those who attended the Edinburgh congress in 1920 will remember what an enjoyable time was spent in this historical and beautiful old city; and a large and representative entry should result.

Our esteemed Tasmanian supporter, Mrs. E. L. Heathorn, while on a recent holiday in Sydney, joined the School of Arts Chess Club and found twelve other lady members in that institution.

Cornwall.—The Emigrant cup, which carries with it the championship of Cornwall, has been won by Albert Ashby, of the Truro Club.

This player went through the preliminary rounds without losing a game, and beat T. M. Willoughby (who has held the cup for the last three years) by $2\frac{1}{2}$ — $1\frac{1}{2}$.

Mr. Ashby once played for Croydon and Surrey, but was out of chess for over ten years till last season. Truro, for whom he now plays, won the Cornwall County shield last season.

On Saturday, October 10th, at 3 p.m., a match will be played at the Hampstead Chess Club, Public Subscription Library, Prince Arthur Road, between Hampstead and Rest of Middlesex, 30 a-side.

The Annual General Meeting of the Middlesex County Chess Association will be held after the match, and matters to be considered

besides the selection of officers, will be the season's programme, the year book, presentation of prizes, and entries for County Championship.

The winter programme of the Hastings and St. Leonards Club is to hand. Members are invited to enter for four events, as follows :—

Level Tournaments.—These contests, for the four club trophies, will be played on Saturday evenings. First Class, entrance fee, 2/6 ; Second Class, 2/- ; Third Class, 1/6 ; Fourth Class, 1/-.

Lives Tournament.—For a silver cup presented by the president, to be won outright. Each competitor remains in the tournament until he or she has lost three or four games (depending on the number of entries). Open on handicap terms to all members. Games *must* be played on Tuesday evenings, except by previous permission of the Directors of Play. Entrance fee 2/6. Further particulars later.

Afternoon Tournaments.—Monday Afternoon : The Opening will be drawn for at the time of play from a number selected by the Directors of Play. Wednesday Afternoon : No set Opening. Friday Afternoon : Scotch Opening, 1 P—K 4, P—K 4 ; 2 Kt—K B 3 Kt—Q B 3 ; 3 P—Q 4. First-class players are not admitted to these tournaments. Competitors will be handicapped by points according to strength. Entrance fee 1/- per player.

Consultation Tournament.—To be held on Thursday evening. An entry to consist of a first-class player and a partner, not of first-class strength, selected by him or her. The games will be played on the league system as in the Level tournaments. Entrance fee 1/- per player.

Junior members are admitted to these tournaments at half fees stated above.

Entries close on September 14th.

Members are requested to note that the championship tournaments will start immediately after the Christmas congress, and will be held on Tuesday evenings.

This last statement is interesting to all who are looking forward to another excellent congress at Hastings. The next will be the fourth, and an entry of 100 players will surprise no one.

A considerable loss to Birmingham chess has just taken place by the appointment of J. W. Jackson to the foreign missionary service in West Africa. Mr. Jackson, who was engaged in the Gas Department, has done good work for chess in the city, and for some years has been hon. secretary of the Municipal C.C. Last week opportunity was taken to make him present of a travelling rug. In the absence of the president, Mr. Mackenzie, at the Stratford Congress, P. A. Borg made the presentation, and on behalf of the club wished Mr. and Mrs. Jackson all success in their new sphere of work.

(From the *Birmingham Post*.)

Rotherham Chess League : Oliver Shield won by Dalton.—The annual competition carried on by the Rotherham and District Chess League for the Marjorie Oliver shield has now been completed. Six

clubs took part, and, as already reported, the competition at first resulted in a tie between Dalton and Rotherham Unionist Club. A deciding match has now been played, which resulted in a win for Dalton by the odd point, the score being as under :—

DALTON.					UNIONIST CLUB.						
1	J. W. Haycock	..	..	..	1	E. J. Griffith	..	..	..	0	
2	F. Dodd	..	..	..	0	B. H. Oliver	..	..	..	1	
3	J. Townend	..	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	S. P. Ludbrook	..	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	
4	H. Walls	..	..	..	0	F. R. Brown	..	..	..	1	
5	W. Walls	..	..	..	1	C. Reoch	..	..	..	0	
6	J. Gill	..	..	..	1	A. Hobson	..	..	..	0	
					3 $\frac{1}{2}$						2 $\frac{1}{2}$

The following is the complete table of the competition, apart from the deciding match :—

	W.	L.	D.	Pts.
Dalton	8	2	0	16
Unionist Club	7	1	2	16
Hexthorpe	6	3	1	13
Maltby	5	4	1	11
Phoenix	1	8	1	3
Rotherham Y.M.C.A.	0	9	1	1

Easter Congress at Weston-super-Mare.—We are very glad to hear that another congress will be arranged at this delightful Western resort during Easter Week, 1926. The meetings held there in 1922 and 1924 were both unqualified successes, well managed and well supported. We hope all players who like to combine a pleasant chess holiday with a week of bracing Atlantic air and charming scenery will make a note of this event. Enquiries should be sent to H. Powell, "Frاندor," Woodland Road, Weston-super-Mare.

The Imperial Chess Club opens officially on October 1st, when subscriptions are due for the coming season. The members are delighted at the success of the popular match captain, Mrs. R. H. S. Stevenson, in winning the British Ladies' championship at the Stratford-on-Avon congress. Two other prizes were won by members of this enterprising club.

Prospective members should write to the hon. secretary, 62 Brook Street, London, W.

City of London Chess Club.—J. H. Blake has won the Merton cup handicap for the third time, the other prize winners being E. Marshall Lane (Class 2b), E. J. Scrimgeour (3a), J. M. Bee (1a), A. D. Barlow (2b), C. M. Payne (1b). Mr. Blake's previous wins were in 1911 and 1917, while he won the actual championship (Gastineau cup) in 1912 and 1923.

The many friends of S. Passmore will regret to learn that he makes very little improvement in his long illness. In the early nineties he was one of the strongest amateurs in London and played top board for the City of London Chess Club.

We learn from *The Morning Post* of September 4th that the Newspaper's Society's Council, at its meeting on Wednesday, appointed Edward W. Davies, assistant secretary, as its late General Secretary in succession to the late Frederick L. Armstrong.

Mr. Davies joined the staff of the Newspaper Society in December, 1921, after journalistic experience on the *South Wales Daily News*, Cardiff, and *System*. He is well known in London chess circles, particularly in connection with the Surrey County Chess Association, of which he was match captain.

At the annual meeting of the Bromley (Kent) Chess Club, it was decided to present Mrs. Holloway with the championship cup, hitherto held annually, in recognition of having won it for five years in succession.

City of London Chess Club, 2 Wardrobe Court, E.C.4.—The seventy-third winter season will commence on Wednesday, 21st October, when F. D. Yates will play 20 boards simultaneously. The championship and four other level tournaments for all classes will commence on the 27th October, in which numerous prizes value from one to ten guineas will be given.

The hon. secretary will be happy to send full particulars on receipt of a post card.

With the object of encouraging chess amongst girls under eighteen years of age and of British nationality, it is proposed to hold a girls' annual championship similar to that now played for by boys. Mrs. Rawson, president of the Imperial Chess Club in London, has kindly offered her club room for this purpose, and the first competition will take place in January, 1926. Lady Margaret Hamilton-Russell has promised to present a challenge cup and a championship memento, and other prizes will be given. A further announcement will be made shortly. All interested should write to Mrs. Arthur Rawson, Imperial Chess Club, 62 Brook Street, London, W.

CORRESPONDENCE.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE *B.C.M.*

Sir,—I am emboldened to write to you, and make a suggestion, by the knowledge that the majority of your readers are, like myself, third-class players, better described, in schoolboy phraseology, as "duds." Chess, like every other game, is supported not by first-class players, but by "duds." Therefore my suggestion. Why not a "dud's" page in the *B.C.M.*? The games department is now devoted to fine specimens of the Art of Chess which, while no doubt of deep interest to experts, have but little interest for those who do not pretend to play chess, but only play at chess, and have no hope of improvement. The suggested page would include a "dud's" game or two with notes drawing attention to the mistakes. Samples of this type of game will perhaps be supplied by the First Class Sections of the B.C.F. congress or even from the records of the old masters, like Morphy, who never knew that his game was in its last throes when, as White, he played 1 P—K 4, and never learned to defend his initiative by playing 1 Kt—K B 3.

All good wishes, Yours truly,
A "DUD."

NEWS FROM THE DOMINIONS AND FOREIGN LANDS.

India.—We gladly accede to the request of a correspondent to publish the table of the tournament held at Chail (Patalia) between May 29th and June 13th.

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	T'l.	Place.
1 Joshi (Poona)	—	I	I	I	I	I	$\frac{1}{2}$	I	I	I	I	I	10 $\frac{1}{2}$	I
2 Kishan Lal (Muttra)	0	—	I	I	I	I	$\frac{1}{2}$	I	I	I	I	I	9 $\frac{1}{2}$	III
3 Morbhat (Sangli)	0	0	—	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	0	0	I	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	I	0	3	
4 Khadilkar (Sangli)	0	0	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	0	0	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	I	I	3 $\frac{1}{2}$	
5 Alurkar (Bombay)	0	0	I	I	—	I	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	I	I	I	I	7	IV
6 Bodas (Sangli)	0	0	I	I	0	—	0	I	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	I	I	5 $\frac{1}{2}$	V*
7 Kostich (Yugoslavia)	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	I	I	I	I	—	I	I	I	I	I	10	II
8 Chadju Ram. (Jullunder)	0	0	0	I	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	0	—	0	0	0	I	2 $\frac{1}{2}$	
9 Gurbaksh Rai (Jullunder)	0	0	I	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	I	—	I	0	I	5 $\frac{1}{2}$	V*
10 Gurdas Mal. (Lyalpur)	0	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	I	0	I	0	—	0	I	I	4	
11 Nasir Uddin (Rampur)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	I	I	I	I	I	4	
12 Antonio Suarez (Simla)	0	0	I	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	—	I	1	

* Fifth divided.

Prizes, given by the Maharaja Dhiraj of Patiala: 2,000, 1,000, 500, 300, and (divided) 200 Rupees.

New Zealand.—The twenty-sixth annual general meeting of the N.Z.C.A. was held in Wellington on July 29th, when it was reported that nineteen clubs were now affiliated, and that there was a small credit balance on the year's workings.

United States.—In the twenty-sixth Western Chess Association championship at Cedarpoint, Ohio, A. Kupchik with one game still to play was leading with 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ points out of a possible 12. S. Faktor was then second with 10 out of 12.

The New York State championship, held this year at Buffalo, the first place went to Herman Helms, the well-known chess editor, who only consented to enter at the last moment to avoid a bye. He tied with J. D. Lear, of Buffalo, at 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ points each, out of a possible 7, but beat him in the play-off. C. L. Janowitz was third with 4 $\frac{1}{2}$.

In the Californian State championship, August 16th—23rd, S. Mlotkowski came out first, scoring 7 wins and a draw. The draw was with A. J. Fink, who was second with 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ points. E. W. Gruer scored 5 $\frac{1}{2}$, and E. F. Schrader 4.

France.—The national championship tournament at Nice is reported elsewhere.

M. Kaminka has won first prize in Class I (A) of the annual tournament of the Cercle Philidor. In Class I (B) the young player, L. Betbeder, was first.

A large part of the success of the Nice congress was undoubtedly due to Sir William Watson Rutherford, who subscribed 1,500 francs

to the funds. Our readers need not be told that Sir William is a keen supporter of chess, wherever he goes!

Germany.—A match at Bremen between Brinkmann and Schönnmann was won by the former, $4\frac{1}{2}$ — $3\frac{1}{2}$.

In a tournament of the Upper Rhine C.A. at Mannheim in August, the first prize was divided between von Tereschenko and H. and T. Weissinger.

Czecho-Slovakia.—The national championship, played at Bratislava, was won by Reti, with a score of 9 points in 10 games. The other players and scores were: Engel ($6\frac{1}{2}$), Pokorny, Schultz and Zeller ($5\frac{1}{2}$), Haida and Walter (5), Horak and Takacs ($4\frac{1}{2}$), Zabrodockzy ($2\frac{1}{2}$), and Hasek ($1\frac{1}{2}$).

At a meeting of the German C.A. in Czecho-Slovakia held at Brünn on August 23rd the home players beat a visiting team from Silesia by $5\frac{1}{2}$ — $4\frac{1}{2}$.

Sweden.—The ninth congress of the Swedish Chess Federation was held at Trollhättan on July 5th and following days. In the principal tournament O. Kinnmark (Göteborg) was first with $5\frac{1}{2}$ points in 7 games; K. Berndtsson (Göteborg) and G. Dahl (Stockholm) were next with $4\frac{1}{2}$.

Russia.—The championship of the Ukraine for 1925, contested at Kharkoff, has been won by Y. S. Vilner, of Odessa, with a score of 7 out of a possible 9 points; Sorokin, of Kief, was second with $6\frac{1}{2}$.

In the fourth all-Russian masters' tournament at S. Petersburg the first seven places were gained by Bogoljuboff ($11\frac{1}{2}$ points in 15 games), Löwenfisch (10), Gotthilf and Iljin-Genevsky ($9\frac{1}{2}$), Romanovsky E. Rabinovitch and A. Rabinovitch.

These seven masters will compete in the international masters' tournament at Moscow next month.

Belgium.—E. Colle has won the national championship with a score of 7 wins, 3 draws and no loss. E. Sapira was second with 6 points.

Argentina.—In the first-class tournament of the Club Argentino de Ajedrez, the placing was: I, Lynch 8 points; II, Villegas $6\frac{1}{2}$; III-IV, Ibanez and Portela, 6 each; Piacentini, $3\frac{1}{2}$. Nollmann retired after losing his first two games.

Alekhine has, in *L'Echiquier* (Brussels), the first part of an analysis of the contributions of the Baden-Baden tournament to the theory of the openings.

WANTED REALLY BADLY.

Book of the Third American Chess Congress at Chicago, 1874. Mr. H. J. R. Murray has kindly informed us that this book was published at Hannibal, Mo., in 1876 by Brownson, of the *Dubrique Chess Journal*, the price being 50 cents. Surely one of our subscribers has a copy he would sell; any reasonable price will be given for it.

THE BRITISH CORRESPONDENCE CHESS ASSOCIATION.

All communications respecting these pages should be addressed to the hon. secretary, Mr. H. Bardsley, "The Chelms," Nun's Moor Crescent, Fenham, Newcastle-on-Tyne.

Matches.—Score to date : *v. Chess Amateur* (25—23).

By the time these notes appear in print the new tournaments should be in progress. We ask forbearance of any member who has been overlooked owing to the change in secretaryship. Our late secretary has worked hard in the Association's interest, and it has been suggested that he should not be allowed to retire without some memento of his services. We are grateful to all members who have sent contributions to the magazine fund. Several members have asked for another Knock-out Tourney, and attention will be given to this matter, when the present one has been brought to a conclusion. May we again ask member who retire to inform their opponents, and also the secretary, and to send results of games *as soon as they are finished*. We shall shortly begin a match with Jersey Chess Club, and as they are said to have a strong team, we should like to hear from some of the top classes who are willing to take part.

Trophy Results.—Class 1a : P. J. Lawrence $\frac{1}{2}$, T. E. Wethers $\frac{1}{2}$; F. W. Ffoulkes drew with R. C. Macdonald and T. Wethers. Class 1b : Cope beat Finch and Jayne; Finch beat Shardlow; Parsons beat Finch; Bussell beat Finch; Rutherford beat Shardlow. Class 2a : Evill beat Ditcham and Windybank and drew with P. Wilson, and lost to Kitchener; Wilson $\frac{1}{2}$, Kitchener $\frac{1}{2}$; Kitchener $\frac{1}{2}$, Colbourne $\frac{1}{2}$; Class 2b : Ward 1, Wood 0; Wallis $\frac{1}{2}$, Skelton $\frac{1}{2}$. Class 3a : Goodwin beat Lesser, Snook, Oldfield and Roberts, and lost to Duffell; Lesser 1, Oldfield 0; Duffield beat Snook, Lesser and Shead. Class 3b : Moore $\frac{1}{2}$, White $\frac{1}{2}$; Pendar 1, Moor 0; Maden $\frac{1}{2}$, Brayne $\frac{1}{2}$; Pindar 1, Maden 0. Class 4a : Dutton beat Le Grip, Wilcox, and drew with Hume; Holmes lost to Fairclough and Wilcox, and beat Miss Chater; Wilcox beat Folley, Hume, Lambert and Laslett. Class 4b : Heywood beat Marsden and Seymour; Murray lost to Milburn and drew with Marsden; Miss Roper drew with Murray and Milburn. Class 5a : Kennedy beat Lister, Palmer, Roberts, Somerville and drew with Rocks; Somerville 1, Palmer 0. Class 5b : Coldwell beat Eveling, Newbold, Stanton, and drew with White and Halford; White 1, Cave 0 (by default); Schofield 1, Stanton 0; Halford beat Newbold and Schofield; Burton 1, Kennedy 0.

Knock-out Tourney.—Bardsley beat Houghton and Gale, and R. N. Murray has won his round. Some trophy winners appear to be : 1b, H. D. Rocket; 3a, H. Bardsley; 3b, P. Armitage; 4b, R. Day; 5a, P. Rocks, jr. We have not any further results to hand yet, and the rest will be given next month.

All results, etc., of Knock-out Tourney should now be addressed to the hon. gen. secretary, H. Bardsley.

LONDON CHESS LEAGUE

SUPPLEMENT TO THE BRITISH CHESS MAGAZINE

The Editors of the *British Chess Magazine* invite their readers to take an increased interest in the doings of the London Chess League by detaching this Supplement and affixing it in a place where they can keep the score to date as the competition proceeds.

The results of all London Chess League matches will be reported in the next number of the *British Chess Magazine*.

LONDON CHESS LEAGUE, 1925-6. "A" Division Fixtures.

1925	Dec.	1—North London v. Battersea	Feb.	2—North London v. Islington
Oct.	1—Athenæum v. West London	3—Metropolitan v. Leyton	"	3—Battersea v. Brixton
"	6—Battersea v. Wood Green	3—Lud-Eagle v. Wood Green	"	4—Hampstead v. Bohemians
"	8—Islington v. Lud-Eagle	3—Hampstead v. Athenæum	"	5—Wood Green v. West London
"	8—North London v. Bohemians	3—West London v. Bohemians	"	11—Hampstead v. Metropolitan
"	13—Brixton v. North London	8—Lewisham v. Islington	"	11—Lud-Eagle v. Brixton
"	14—Leyton v. West London	9—Lee v. North London	"	11—Bohemians v. Lewisham
"	20—Islington v. Wood Green	10—Leyton v. Bohemians	"	11—Athenæum v. Leyton
"	21—Hampstead v. Lee	11—West London v. Brixton	"	16—Islington v. Lee
"	22—Athenæum v. Lud-Eagle	15—Hampstead v. Wood Green	"	18—Lud-Eagle v. West London
"	22—Metropolitan v. Lewisham	16—Lewisham v. North London	"	23—Battersea v. Leyton
"	22—Bohemians v. Brixton	17—Athenæum v. Islington	"	24—Brixton v. Hampstead
"	27—Battersea v. Lewisham	17—Lud-Eagle v. Battersea	"	25—Lud-Eagle v. Lewisham
"	28—North London v. Wood Green	17—Metropolitan v. Lee	"	25—Lee v. Athenæum
"	29—Islington v. Metropolitan		"	25—Bohemians v. Wood Green
Nov.	3—Battersea v. Islington	1926	Mar.	2—Leyton v. North London
"	4—Hampstead v. Lewisham	Jan.	"	3—West London v. Lee
"	5—Lud-Eagle v. Lee	"	"	9—Lewisham v. West London
"	5—North London v. Athenæum	"	"	10—Wood Green v. Brixton
"	5—Bohemians v. Metropolitan	"	"	11—Lud-Eagle v. Hampstead
"	10—West London v. North London	"	"	11—Athenæum v. Metropolitan
"	11—Wood Green v. Lee	"	"	11—Battersea v. Bohemians
"	13—Leyton v. Lewisham	"	"	17—Brixton v. Lewisham
"	17—Hampstead v. Islington	"	"	22—North London v. Hampstead
"	19—Metropolitan v. West London	"	"	23—Brixton v. Islington
"	19—North London v. Lud-Eagle	"	"	25—Athenæum v. Lewisham
"	19—Lee v. Bohemians	"	"	25—Battersea v. Metropolitan
"	19—Athenæum v. Wood Green	"	"	25—Lud-Eagle v. Bohemians
"	20—Battersea v. Lewisham	"	"	29—Hampstead v. North London
"	24—Leyton v. Brixton	"	April	7—Wood Green v. Leyton
"	26—Metropolitan v. Wood Green	"	"	9—Hampstead v. West London
			"	13—Leyton v. Islington

"A" DIVISION LONDON CHESS LEAGUE 1925-6.			Score for Season 1924-5	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	Total Points	Final Position
1	HAMPSTEAD	..	12																
2	METROPOLITAN	..	10½																
3	LUD-EAGLE	..	10																
4	WEST LONDON	..	10																
5	NORTH LONDON	..	9																
6	BRIXTON	..	7																
7	BATTERSEA	..	6½																
8	LEWISHAM	..	6½																
9	LEYTON	..	5½																
10	WOOD GREEN	..	5																
11	ATHENÆUM	..	3																
12	BOHEMIANS	..	3																
13	LEE	..	2																
14	ISLINGTON	..	1																

The teams are placed in last season's order of merit.

Metropolitan matches played at 8 Furnival Street, W.C. Athenæum matches at 11 Pilgrim Street, E.C.
Bohemian matches at The "Woolpack," E.C. All others at St. Bride Institute, Ludgate Circus, E.C.

CHESS NOTES AND PROBLEMS

(Continued from page 386).

In the solutions sent in for the Junior Problems 9 and 10, nearly all found the winning lines, in 9, however, several moves were wasted in most cases, and in 10 the move 1... P-K R 3, which probably delays the mate longest, was not given.

There were several new solvers among the Juniors this month, most of whom made an excellent start. I am very glad to welcome them. Altogether sixteen solutions were received and the scores are as follows:—

"Knowsley," 53, 8, 10, 71; "Tyro," 53, 8, 10, 71; "E.H.K.B.," 50, 8, 8, 66; "Pawn," 47, 8, 10, 65; "Lopez," 42, 9, 7, 58; "Thule," 36, 9, 10, 55; "Delta," 51, 2, 2, 55; "Robo," 23, 7, 10, 40; "Rook," 19, 10, 8, 37; "Tyke," —, 10, 10, 20; "Woodland View," —, 10, 10, 20; "Edina," —, 10, 10, 20; "Nigger," —, 8, 10, 18; "Particles," —, 8, 10, 18; "Stalemate," —, 7, 10, 17; "H.D.B.," old score? —, 6, 10, 16.

ANSWERS TO JUNIORS: "Robo"—As you will have seen you have lost five moves in nine, although you have got the correct scheme. Solutions much more to the point. "Stalemate"—You have wasted a few moves in nine. "E.H.K.B"—Names and address, please; should prefer pseudonym too! "Rook"—Name, please. In 10 probably 1... P-K R 3 keeps the game alive longest. "Edina," "Tyke," "Particles"—A very good start! "Lopez"—In 9, 4... K-Kt 1 will delay the solution. Not quite enough variations in 10, Q-B 8 ch should have been given. "Nigger"—Excellent start. Solution of 9 should be the shorter. "Pawn"—Your solution of 9 can be delayed by 2... K-Kt 1. "Woodland View"—Solutions unsigned. Name and pseudonym please. 10, 10. Good start. "Knowsley"—Name please. A few unnecessary moves in 9. "Thule"—Quite good, but too lengthy in 9 after 3... P-Kt 3 the game is over practically, and no more moves are necessary. "H.D.B."—In No. 9 mate is six moves too long!

Problem No. 9 (Seniors) caused many failures even after the first move 1 B-Kt 8 ch, K-R 1 had been discovered. A very ingenious try was made by several solvers with 1 K-B 4, K-R 3; 2 K-K 5, K-Kt 4; 3 K-K 6, B-R 4; 4 K-K 7, and I was afraid a second solution had been found, until one solver showed 4... B-K 1! The attempts at No. 10 were very uneven, the sacrifice of the Rook at B 6 was missed by most solvers, in many cases unnecessary in their solutions because they had failed to give the best moves for Black.

Twenty-one sent solutions and the scores are as follows:—

"Beta," 56 (7/10), 10, 4, 4, —, 74; "Eze," 54, 10, 7, 71; "Pussycat," 55, 4, 10, 69; "Nworb," 52, 4, 4, 60; "Sirius," 47, 5, 6, 58; "Clare," 51, 2, 2, 55; "Cic," 47, 3, 4, 54; "A-A," 46, 3, 3, 52; "Nemo," 38, 10, 3, 51; "T.E.S.," 39, 3, 8, 50; "G.A.W.," 41, 3, 3, 47; "Squibs," 41, 3, —, 44; "H.O.T.," 39, 3, —, 42; "Gambit," 34, 3, 4, 41; "C.H.D.," 32, 3, 4, 39; "R.F.D.H.," 21, 3, 4, 28; "Lady Clara," 16, 3, 2, 21; "Persequere," —, 4, 4, 8; "Honey," old score? —, 10, 4, 14; "Ajax," 13, 3, 6, 22; "Elderton," 6, 2, 4, 12.

ANSWERS TO SENIORS: "Eze"—Junior 9. Your solution is two moves longer. In both 10's you do not give the move which prolongs the game longest, viz., 1... P-K R 3 in Juniors and 3 K-K 3 in Seniors. "Beta"—Found your

solutions of 7 and 8 unmarked. Correct as to 7. Your solution to 8 is nearly correct, but like most others you neglect $2\text{ Kt}\times\text{B}$. As you will have seen you did not solve 9, for if $3\text{ K}-\text{R } 6$, $\text{B}-\text{B } 2$ and draws. Cannot mark you for 10, you evidently did not read my August notes. "Squibs"—You got the first moves of 9, but failed at move 2. "H.O.T." (India)—See answer to "Squibs"—If I get further answer to 10 before middle of month, will mark you for it. See August notes. Please let me have full address; should prefer pseudonym. "C.H.D."—Hope you will get your opponent. As you will have seen, you started right in 9. In 10 you only give White's inferior defence. "Persequere" See last remark. "Honey"—Junior 9. You waste some moves in your solution, but excellent under the circumstances. See answer to "C.H.D." *re* Senior 10. "Clare," "A—A"—Not equal to your usual. "Cic"— 4d. to pay on your solutions! "Pussycat"—Your second variation is an ingenious draw. In No. 9 but you have failed to find the win. "Sirius," "Nworb"—Very ingenious but $4\ldots$, $\text{B}-\text{K } 1$! spoils it, *i.e.*, $1\text{ K}-\text{B } 4$, $\text{K}-\text{R } 3$; $2\text{ K}-\text{K } 5$, $\text{K}-\text{Kt } 4$; $3\text{ K}-\text{K } 6$, $\text{B}-\text{R } 4$; $4\text{ K}-\text{K } 7$, $\text{B}-\text{K } 1$ and draws. "Lady Clara"—I cannot answer unless you provide name and address. See answer above *re* 9. A poor attempt at 10. "T.E.S."—Your solution to 9 does not work, why not $1\ldots$, $\text{B}-\text{B } 7$? for instance. "G.A.W."—See last remark. Not equal to your usual. "Delta"—Looks like holiday solutions! "Elderton"—Solution of 10 unnecessary long, and not starting with White's best move. "Ajax"—In solution of 7, after $1\text{ R}-\text{B } 5\text{ ch}$, $\text{K}-\text{Kt } 2$; $2\text{ R}-\text{B } 3$. Isn't $2\ldots$, $\text{B}-\text{Kt } 5\text{ ch}$ more awkward to answer?

The solutions of Problems 11 and 12 (Juniors) page 386 are: 11. Mate in four, by $1\text{ K}-\text{B } 4$, $\text{P}-\text{Q } 4\text{ ch}$; $2\text{ K}-\text{B } 5$, $\text{P}-\text{B } 4$; $3\text{ P}-\text{Kt } 5$, $\text{P}-\text{Q } 5$; $4\text{ P}\times\text{P}$ mate! 12. From a game between Alekhine *v.* Sterk played at Budapest. White played $1\text{ B}-\text{B } 6$! $\text{K}-\text{R } 1$; $2\text{ Q}-\text{K } 5$, $\text{R}-\text{B } 4$; $3\text{ Q}-\text{Kt } 3$, $\text{P}-\text{Kt } 3$; $4\text{ R}\times\text{Kt}$, $\text{Q}-\text{Q } 6$; $5\text{ R}-\text{K } 1$, $\text{Q}-\text{R } 1$; $6\text{ R}-\text{Q } 4$, $\text{Q}-\text{B } 4$; $7\text{ Q}-\text{B } 4$, $\text{Q}-\text{B } 7$; $8\text{ Q}-\text{R } 6$ and Black resigned.

In the notes of the game in *Chess of To-day*, $2\text{ Q}-\text{K } 5$ is marked with an exclamation mark, with this addition: "Beautiful! If $\text{Q}\times\text{R}$; $25\text{ Q}-\text{K } 5$, $\text{Q}-\text{Q } 8\text{ ch}$; $26\text{ Kt}-\text{K } 1$! If $\text{P}\times\text{B}$; $25\text{ R}-\text{K } 4\text{ ch}$, $\text{K}-\text{B } 1$; $26\text{ Q}-\text{Q } 6\text{ ch}$ and mates next move." But in the first variation, the note is incorrect, for if $26\text{ Kt}-\text{K } 1$? $\text{Q}\times\text{Q}$, therefore White's 26th move must be $\text{R}\times\text{Q}$. If then $\text{R}\times\text{R}$; $27\text{ Q}\times\text{R}$, $\text{P}\times\text{B}$; $28\text{ Q}-\text{B } 2$, $\text{Kt}-\text{B } 4$; $29\text{ P}-\text{Q } 3$, and wins a piece. The substitution of $25\text{ Q}-\text{K } 5$ for $\text{Q}-\text{K } 5$ after $\text{Q}-\text{Q } 8\text{ ch}$; $26\text{ Kt}-\text{K } 1$ would leave $\text{Q}-\text{R } 3$ as a saving move.

The solution of the problems for Seniors, 11 and 12, page 386, are as follows: 11. From Philidor. White wins by $1\text{ Q}-\text{R } 7\text{ ch}$, $\text{K}-\text{K } 3$; $2\text{ Q}-\text{Q } 7$, $\text{R}-\text{Q } 4$; $3\text{ Q}-\text{Q } 8$, $\text{K}-\text{K } 4$; $4\text{ Q}-\text{K } 8\text{ ch}$, $\text{K}-\text{Q } 4$; $5\text{ Q}-\text{Q } 8$, $\text{R}-\text{K } 5\text{ ch}$; $6\text{ K}-\text{B } 5$, $\text{R}-\text{K } 4\text{ ch}$; $7\text{ K}-\text{B } 6$, $\text{R}-\text{K } 5$; $8\text{ Q}-\text{B } 3$, $\text{R}-\text{K } 3\text{ ch}$; $9\text{ K}-\text{B } 7$, $\text{R}-\text{K } 4$; $10\text{ K}-\text{B } 8$, $\text{R}-\text{K } 5$; $11\text{ Q}-\text{Q } 3\text{ ch}$, $\text{K}-\text{K } 4$; $12\text{ K}-\text{K } 7$, $\text{P}-\text{Q } 4$; $13\text{ Q}-\text{Kt } 3\text{ ch}$, $\text{K}-\text{Q } 5\text{ dis ch}$; $14\text{ K}-\text{Q } 6$, $\text{K}-\text{B } 5$; $15\text{ Q}-\text{Kt } 2$. If $11\ldots$, $\text{R}-\text{Q } 5$; $12\text{ Q}-\text{B } 5\text{ ch}$, $\text{K}-\text{B } 5$; $13\text{ K}-\text{K } 7$, $\text{P}-\text{Q } 4$ ($\text{R}-\text{Q } 4$; $14\text{ Q}-\text{B } 2\text{ ch}$, $\text{K}-\text{Kt } 5$; $15\text{ K}-\text{K } 6$); $14\text{ Q}-\text{B } 2\text{ ch}$, $\text{K}-\text{Kt } 4$; $15\text{ K}-\text{Q } 6$. If $10\ldots$, $\text{R}-\text{K } 3$; $11\text{ Q}-\text{Kt } 3\text{ ch}$, $\text{K}-\text{K } 4$; $12\text{ K}-\text{B } 7$. If $7\ldots$, $\text{K}-\text{Q } 5$; $8\text{ Q}-\text{B } 6$. If $6\ldots$, $\text{K}-\text{Q } 5$; $7\text{ Q}-\text{B } 6$, $\text{P}-\text{Q } 4$; $8\text{ Q}-\text{B } 2$. If $4\ldots$, $\text{K}-\text{B } 3$; $5\text{ Q}-\text{Q } 7$, $\text{R}-\text{K } 3$; $6\text{ K}-\text{Kt } 4$. If $1\ldots$, $\text{K}-\text{Q } 1$; $2\text{ Q}-\text{K } 7$, $\text{K}-\text{B } 1$ ($\text{R}-\text{Q } 4$; $3\text{ Q}-\text{K } 6$, $\text{K}-\text{B } 2$; $4\text{ Q}-\text{K } 7\text{ ch}$); $3\text{ Q}-\text{Q } 7$, $\text{K}-\text{Q } 1$; $4\text{ Q}-\text{Kt } 8\text{ ch}$, $\text{K}-\text{Q } 2$; $5\text{ Q}-\text{Kt } 7\text{ ch}$, $\text{K}-\text{Q } 1$; $6\text{ Q}-\text{B } 6$, $\text{K}-\text{K } 2$; $7\text{ Q}-\text{B } 7\text{ ch}$, $\text{K}-\text{K } 3$; $8\text{ Q}-\text{Q } 8$, $\text{R}-\text{B } 4\text{ ch}$;

9 K—Kt 4, R—K 4; 10 Q—K 8 ch, K—Q 4; 11 Q—Q B 8. 12. From a simultaneous game of the late Richard Teichmann (Black), who was relying on 1. . . P—B 6, but examination showed 2 R (K 4)—K 8 threatened mate on the move, and it was this move on which White relied, after a short pause the simultaneous player continued 1 P—B 6, R (K 4)—K 8; 2 R—K 5 ch, R×R; 3 P×B, R (K 4)—K 8; 4 R—K 2 ch, R×R; 5 P—Kt 8=Q, R (K 2)—K 8; 6 Q×P ch.

As the chess season will soon be commencing it seems appropriate to give this month some problems on openings.

Juniors.—Problem No. 13. A game commenced 1 P—K 4, P—K 4; 2 B—B 4, Kt—K B 3; 3 P—Q 4, P×P; 4 Kt—K B 3, Kt×P; 5 Q×P, Kt—K B 3; 6 Kt—B 3, Kt—B 3; 7 Q—K R 4, B—Kt 5; 8 Castles, B×Kt; 9 P×B, Castles; 10 B—Q 3, Kt—K 2; 11 B—K Kt 5, Kt—Kt 3; 12 Q—Kt 3, P—Q 4; 13 K R—K 1, P—K R 3; 14 B×Kt, Q×B; 15 Q×B P, Kt—B 5. (a) Give a good alternative for White at move 4; (b) Why not 6 B—K Kt 5?; (c) What would be the answer to 8 B—Q 2?; (d) Who has the better game after move 15?

Problem No. 14. A recent game. 1 P—K 4, P—Q B 4; 2 Kt—K B 3, P—K 3; 3 P—Q 4, P×P; 4 Kt×P, Kt—K B 3; 5 Kt—Q B 3, B—Kt 5; 6 B—K 2, Kt×P; 7 Castles, B×Kt; 8 P×B, Kt×Q B P; 9 Q—Q 3, Kt×Q B P; 10 Q×Kt, Kt—B 3; 11 Kt—Kt 5, P—Q R 3; 12 Kt—Q 6 ch, K—R 1; 13 Q—R 5, Q—B 3; 14 R—Kt 1, Q—Kt 3; 15 Q—Q B 5, K—Kt 1; 16 R—Kt 3, P—K R 3; 17 R—Kt 3, Q—B 3; 18 Kt—K 8, Q—K 2; 19 Q—B 3, P—B 3; 20 Kt×P ch, K—B 1; 21 Kt—K 4, Resigns. (a) What was the prime cause of Black's defeat?; (b) Where could his moves be improved?; (c) Why does Black resign? give a suggestion for continuation.

Seniors.—Problem No. 13. A game commenced 1 P—Q 4, Kt—K B 3; 2 Kt—K B 3, P—K 3; 3 P—B 4, P—Q Kt 3; 4 P—K Kt 3, B—Kt 2; 5 B—Kt 2, B—K 2; 6 Castles, Castles; 7 Kt—B 3, Kt—K 5; 8 Q—B 2, P—Q 4; 9 P×P, Kt×Kt; 10 P×Kt, P×P; 11 Kt—K 5, Q—B 1; 12 P—B 4, P×P; 13 B×B, Q×B; 14 Q×P, P—Q B 4; 15 P×P, Kt×P; 16 B—Kt 2, Kt—B 3; 17 Kt×Kt, Q×Kt; 18 Q—K Kt 4, Q—K Kt 3. (a) What is the answer to 8. . . Kt×Kt, or 8. . . P—K B 4?; (b) Give a continuation if 9 Kt×Kt; (c) What would be the best line for White of 9. . . P×P?; (d) What would be the answer to 15 P—Q 5; (e) Who has the better game after move 18?

Problem No. 14. A recent variation suggested is 1 P—Q 4, P—Q 4; 2 P—Q B 4, P—K 3; 3 Kt—Q B 3, Kt—K B 3; 4 Kt—B 3, P×P; 5 P—K 3, P—Q R 3; 6 B×P, P—B 4; 7 P—Q R 4, Kt—B 3; 8 Castles, B—K 2; 9 Q—K 2, P×P; 10 R—Q 1, Castles; 11 Kt×P, Q—B 2; 12 Kt×Kt, Q×Kt; 13 P—K 4, P—Q Kt 3. (a) Give the most likely continuation if 9 P×P; (b) Give the next three or four moves after (i) 14 P—K 5, (ii) 14 B—K 3, (iii) B—K Kt 5; (c) Which is the best variation for White of the variations in (b).

I do not expect these questions on openings to be as popular as end-game problems, or positions, which admit of a more or less

immediate conclusion or advantage, but as players we are frequently faced with similar problems, and I feel certain that the study of them will be helpful.

Solutions should be sent to R. C. Griffith, 18 Wedderburn Road, London, N.W. 3, by October 31st, 1925.

F. L. ARMSTRONG : A MEMOIR.

When Frederick Law Armstrong died on July 24th, the London chess world lost one of its great figures. For more than thirty years he had been actively engaged in chess organisation and chess work. Before the present century dawned he had assisted in the growth of that vigorous body, the Surrey County Chess Association. He was an old member both of the Spread-Eagle Chess Club and the Ludgate Circus Chess Club, and when the two amalgamated in 1900, to form the present Lud-Eagle Club, he was champion of both. His roots were in the past ; yet he kept pace with the new developments of London Chess, though he would never regard seriously the modern roo-board matches.

I knew him only in his later years—from 1920 onwards ; yet it was soon evident to me what part he must always have played in any club or association. A man like Armstrong never could be an ordinary member ; his knowledge and his virile personality were bound to force him, if not to some official position, at least to the committee or council. He was a tower of strength to the Lud-Eagle when it was re-formed after the war (as in previous years), and—as its inexperienced secretary at that time—I remember with gratitude how, before I knew him well, he stood my friend and gave, without stint, sane and sound advice. In committee, he held—usually—decided views, and never hesitated to express them ; indeed on occasions he would appear obstinate, though never without reason. His manner of controversy offended some, without doubt ; but it was not his fault if that controversy prevailed after the meeting, for a more genial or whole-hearted club member could scarcely be found.

Of his chess strength there is little need to speak at length, for it was well known. If he never attained the highest honours in British chess, he was nevertheless for many years among the strongest of first-class ranks, with fine performances in the London League and County matches to his credit. He was an expert on the French Defence, and had a fondness for the Dutch Defence (starting with 1. . . P—K 3) and—as White—the Stonewall arrangement in the Q P game. He was sound and solid, though never afraid to attack when opportunity served.

During his later years the excessive working hours in which he indulged—and which unquestionably hastened the end—reacted upon his chess. He could get no practice, and even his match-games were few and far between. Nevertheless, he turned out for Lud-Eagle in league matches, at Board 1 usually, particularly during last season when he was president of the club. For Surrey he played less frequently, often begging me—as the match captain—to leave him out of the team,

because he felt he was not in physical trim for two or three hours of a hard game.

In earlier days he acted as a teller in England—American cable matches ; and was one of the players who gave considerable assistance to R. C. Griffith and the late J. H. White in the production of the first edition of *Modern Chess Openings*.

He was one of the players who, during the war provided relaxation from heavier cares for the late Mr. Bonar Law, by playing chess with him. To the end he maintained membership of the Insurance Chess Club, and always enjoyed the visits of that club to the two Universities.

To sum up, he was a member of a group which carries its chess traditions back for the length of a generation—from the time of the zenith of the Metropolitan Clubs to the present day when those clubs maintain with difficulty their place against the now-powerful suburban organisations ; and his passing is a sad reminder that in chess, as in everything else of this world, old traditions and old faces must be replaced by new ; but to those who knew Armstrong closely, there will ever remain a gap which time cannot close. E.W.D.

GAME DÉPARTMENT.

GAME No. 5,544.

The following is a pretty little game won by Steinitz in Vienna in April, 1860. It is one of the new games appearing in the second edition of *Schachmeister Steinitz*, by Ludwig Bachmann.

WHITE
STEINITZ

BLACK
DEUTSCH

(Remove White's Q Kt)

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| 1 P—K 4 | 1 P—K 4 |
| 2 B—B 4 | 2 B—B 4 |
| 3 P—Q Kt 4 | 3 B×P |
| 4 P—B 4 | 4 P—Q 3 |
| 5 Kt—B 3 | 5 B—Kt 5 |
| 6 P×P | 6 B×Kt |
| 7 Q×B | 7 Q—K 2 |
| 8 Q—Q Kt 3 | 8 B—B 4 |
| 9 Q×P | 9 P—Q B 3 |
| 10 Q×R | 10 Q—B 2 |
| 11 P×P | 11 B×P |
| 12 B—Kt 2 | 12 Kt—K 2 |
| 13 Castles K R | 13 Castles |
| 14 R—B 3 | 14 Kt—Q 2 |

(See Diagram)

- 15 Q R—K B 1 !

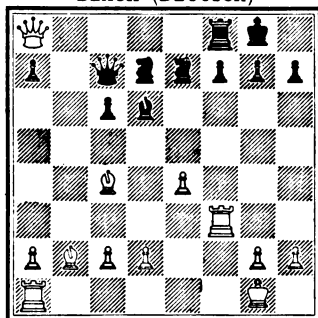
A most ingenious way of saving the Queen, which it is clear that Black cannot capture. But still better was 15 R×P, virtually forcing Black to take the Queen, whereupon 16 Q R—K B 1. In

place of Black's actual reply Bachmann suggests 15... Kt—K 4 ; but we cannot see that this is of any avail against 16 R×P.

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| 16 R×Kt ! | 15 Kt—B 3 |
| 17 B×P ch ! | 16 P×R |
| 18 B×P ch | 17 K—Kt 2 |
| 19 B×Ktdisch | 18 K B |
| 20 Q×R ch and wins × | 19 K×B |

Position after 14... Kt—Q 2.

BLACK (DEUTSCH)



WHITE (STEINITZ)

GAME NO. 5.545.

Played in the Major Open tournament at Stratford-on-Avon.
Notes by E. Snosko-Borovski.

Ruy Lopez.

WHITE BLACK
E. SNOSKO-BOROVSKI C. R. GURNHILL

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| 1 P—K 4 | 1 P—K 4 |
| 2 Kt—K B 3 | 2 Kt—Q B 3 |
| 3 B—Kt 5 | 3 P—Q R 3 |
| 4 B—R 4 | 4 Kt—B 3 |
| 5 Castles | 5 Kt×P |
| 6 P—Q 4 | 6 P—Q Kt 4 |
| 7 B—Kt 3 | 7 P—Q 4 |
| 8 P×P | 8 B—K 3 |
| 9 P—B 3 | 9 B—K 2 |
| 10 Q Kt—Q 2 | |

There are only two other possible moves, 10 B—K 3 or 10 R—K 1.

10 Castles

.....Best.

11 Q—K 2

Malkin's move, which I made previously in the game with Euwe at Broadstairs, 1922.

11 Kt—B 4

.....Better than 11... B—K B 4, to which White replies 12 R—Q 1; but perhaps 11... Kt×Kt is now possible.

12 Kt—Q 4

Better than 12 B—B 2, which I played against Watson, London, 1922, and to which Black replies 12... P—Q 5.

12 Kt×Kt

.....If 12... Q—Q 2 then 13 B—B 2 with a strong attack. Black's next is a grave mistake, because of 14 Kt×Kt.

13 P×Kt

13 Kt×B?

.....In the game above mentioned Euwe played 13... Kt—Q 2, and obtained after 14 P—B 4, P—K B 4; 15 P×P *e.p.*, R×P; 16 P—B 5, a very bad game. If 13... Kt—Kt 2, then still 13 P—B 4, Q—Q 2; 14 B—B 2 as in the game Sir G. A. Thomas v. J. H. Blake, Weston, 1924.

14 Kt×Kt

Now the question is whether Black can still play ... P—Q B 4; otherwise White will maintain pressure on the Q B file, and place one of his pieces on Q B 5.

14 Q—Q 2
15 B—K 3 15 P—K B 4

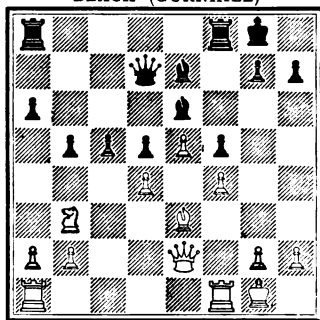
.....Perhaps the move 15... P—K B 3 is stronger; White cannot take the Pawn because after 16... R×P Black gets a very strong attack on the King's flank; and if 16 P—K B 4 then ... P×P; if 17 B P×P, R×R ch; 18 R×R, R—K B 1, and the open Q B file will be of no use to White without a Rook.

16 P—K B 4 16 P—Q B 4

.....This interesting continuation is not quite correct. It is given in *M. C. O.* (p. 164, col. 67), but without the moves P—K B 4 on each side, and is continued 16 P×P, P—Q 5; 17 P—B 6, Q—B 2; 18 Kt×P, B—B 5; 19 Q—Kt 4, B×R; 20 Kt—B 5 and wins (Sir G. A. Thomas's analysis). Mr. Gurnhill's 15th move makes all this impossible.

Position after 16... P—Q B 4.

BLACK (GURNHILL)



WHITE (SNOSKO-BOROVSKI)

17 Kt×P 17 B×Kt
18 P×B 18 P—Q 5

..... If Black does not do this, White, with a strong passed Pawn, must win despite the Bishops of opposite colours.

19 K R—Q 1

This move makes evident the error of the continuation. Black must now invent something in order not to lose another Pawn.

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| 20 Q—Q 2 | 19 B—B 5 |
| 21 Q×P | 20 Q—K B 2 |
| 22 Q—Q 6 | 21 B×P |

A strong move which pins the Bishop, and threatens 23 P—B 6, and 24 B—B 5 (or Kt 6).

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| 23 Q—Q 3 | 22 Q—Kt 6 |
| | 23 Q×P |

..... Black decides to sacrifice the Bishop in order to obtain two passed Pawns, thinking it otherwise impossible to play against White's two passed Pawns.

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| 24 B—Q 4 | 24 Q—Kt 6 |
| 25 Q—Q 2 | 25 K R—Q 1 |
| 26 Q×B | 26 Q×Q |
| 27 R×Q | 27 P—Q R 4 |

..... The Pawns seem to be

very dangerous, but White has also two passed Pawns, and the only difficulty is to find the right way to play them; that adopted in the game is the simplest.

28 R(R 2)—Q 2 28 P—R 5

29 P—K 6 29 R—R 3

Black was threatened by 30 B—K 5 followed by P—K 7.

30 B—K 5

A correct sacrifice of a Pawn, which White is forced to accept.

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| 31 R×R | 30 R×R |
| 32 R—Q 8 ch | 31 R×P |
| 33 R—Q R 8 | 32 K—B 2 |

The Pawns once stopped, White has no more difficulties, and threatens K—B2, B—Q 6, P—B 6, etc.

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| 34 P—Kt 3 | 33 P—Kt 4 |
| 35 P×P | 34 P×P |
| 36 K—R 1 | 35 R—Kt 3 ch |
| | 36 K—K 3 |

..... It was a little better to return to K 3 with the Rook, but then White wins by 37 R—R 7 ch and 38 R—R 5.

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| 37 P—B 6 | 37 Resigns |
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Games from the British Championship tournament at Stratford-on-Avon.

GAME No. 5546.

Queen's Pawn Game.

WHITE		BLACK	
H. B. UBER		T. H. TYLOR	
1 P—Q 4	1 Kt—K B 3	18 B—B 6	18 B×B P
2 P—Q B 4	2 P—K Kt 3	19 B×R	19 B—Q 5 ch
3 Kt—Q B 3	3 B—Kt 2	20 K—R 1	20 B×R
4 P—K 4	4 P—Q 3	21 B—B 6	21 B—B 5
5 P—K B 4	5 Castles	22 P—Q R 4	22 R—Kt 3
6 Kt—B 3	6 P—K 4	23 B—Kt 5	23 B×B
7 Q P×P	7 P×P	24 P×B	24 R×P
8 Q×Q	8 R×Q	25 R—Kt 1	25 P—Q R 4
9 Kt×K P	9 R—K 1	26 P—K R 3	26 K—B 2
10 B—K 2	10 Kt×P	27 K—R 2	27 B—K 4 ch
11 Kt×Kt	11 P—K B 3	28 K—Kt 1	28 K—K 3
12 Kt×P ch	12 B×Kt	29 K—B 1	29 K—Q 4
13 Castles	13 Kt—Q 2	30 K—K 2	30 K—B 5
14 B—B 3	14 Kt×Kt	31 K—Q 1	31 K—Kt 6
15 P×Kt	15 B×P	32 R—R 1	32 B×P
16 B—Q 5 ch	16 B—K 3	33 R—Kt 1	33 K—R 7
17 B×Kt P	17 Q R—Kt 1	34 Resigns	

GAME NO. 5.547.

Ruy Lopez.

WHITE		BLACK		WHITE		BLACK	
F. D. YATES		E. SPENCER		F. D. YATES		E. SPENCER	
1	P-K 4	1	P-K 4	30	R-Q 5	30	Q-Kt 1
2	Kt-K B 3	2	Kt-Q B 3	31	Q x Kt P	31	B x P ch
3	B-Kt 5	3	P-Q R 3	32	K-R 1	32	B-B 2
4	B-R 4	4	Kt-B 3	33	Q x Q	33	R x Q
5	Castles	5	B-K 2	34	P-K Kt 4	34	P-B 3
6	R-K 1	6	P-Q Kt 4	35	R-Q 7	35	B-R 4
7	B-Kt 3	7	Castles	36	K-Kt 2	36	B-Kt 3
8	P-Q R 4	8	B-Kt 2	37	B x B	37	R x B
9	P-Q 3	9	P-Q 3	38	P-R 5	38	R-R 3
10	Kt-B 3	10	P-Kt 5	39	R-Q 5	39	P-Kt 4
11	Kt-Q 5	11	Kt x Kt	40	K-B 3	40	K-Kt 2
12	B x Kt	12	Kt-R 4	41	R-Kt 5	41	R-B 3
13	B-R 2	13	P-Q B 4	42	R-Kt 7 ch	42	K-R 3
14	P-Q B 3	14	Kt-B 3	43	R-Kt 6	43	R-B 6 ch
15	B-K 3	15	Q-B 2	44	K-K 2	44	R-Q R 6
16	P-Q 4	16	P-Q R 4	45	P-R 6	45	K-Kt 2
17	B-Q 5	17	Kt-Q 1	46	R-B 6	46	K-B 2
18	P x B P	18	Q P x P	47	K-Q 2	47	R-K B 6
19	B P x P	19	R P x P	48	K-B 2	48	R x P ch
20	P-Q Kt 3	20	R-R 3	49	K-Kt 3	49	R-Q 7
21	R-Q B 1	21	B-B 1	50	P-R 7	50	R-Q 1
22	Q-B 2	22	Kt-K 3	51	R-R 6	51	R-Q R 1
23	K R-Q 1	23	K R-Q 1	52	K-B 4	52	P-K R 4
24	Q-Kt 2	24	B-Q 3	53	P x P	53	P-Kt 5
25	B x Kt	25	B x B	54	K-Q 3	54	K-Kt 2
26	Kt x P	26	B x P	55	K-K 3	55	K-R 3
27	Q x B	27	B x Kt	56	R-R 5	56	P-B 4
28	R x B P	28	Q R-Q 3	57	P x P	57	K x P
29	R x R	29	Q x K R (Q 3)	58	P-B 6 ch	58	Resigns

GAME NO. 5.548.

Queen's Pawn Game.

WHITE		BLACK		WHITE		BLACK	
J. H. BLAKE		T. H. TYLOR		J. H. BLAKE		T. H. TYLOR	
1	P-Q 4	1	Kt-K B 3	18	K-R 2 ?	18	P-Kt 3
2	P-Q B 4	2	P-K Kt 3	19	P-Q Kt 4	19	P x P
3	Kt-Q B 3	3	B-Kt 2	20	P x P	20	Q-K 1
4	P-K 4	4	P-Q 3	21	K-Kt 1	21	Q-R 4
5	P-K Kt 3	5	Castles	22	P-Kt 4	22	B x P
6	B-Kt 2	6	Kt-B 3	23	P x B	23	Kt x P
7	K Kt-K 2	7	P-K 4	24	B-Kt 3	24	Kt-K 6
8	P-Q 5	8	Kt-K 2	25	Q-Q 3	25	Kt x KR
9	P-K R 3	9	Kt-Q 2	26	R x Kt	26	R x R ch
10	Castles	10	P-K B 4	27	B x R	27	R-K B 1
11	P-B 3	11	P-Q R 4	28	B-Kt 2	28	Kt-Kt 3
12	B-K 3	12	P-K R 3	29	B-B 2	29	Kt-B 5
13	P-Q R 3	13	K-R 2	30	Q-K 3	30	Q-Kt 5
14	Q-B 2	14	Kt-K B 3	31	Q-B 3	31	Q x Q
15	Q R-Q 1	15	P-K Kt 4	32	B x Q	32	Kt-R 6 ch
16	B-B 2	16	P x P	33	K-Kt 2	33	Kt x B and wins
17	P x P	17	B-Q 2				

GAME NO. 5.549.

Ruy Lopez.

WHITE		BLACK		WHITE		BLACK	
F. D. YATES		H. E. ATKINS		F. D. YATES		H. E. ATKINS	
1	P-K 4	1	P-K 4	24	Q-Kt 2	24	P-B 4
2	Kt-K B 3	2	Kt-Q B 3	25	P x P e.p.	25	Kt x B P
3	B-Kt 5	3	P-Q R 3	26	Q R-B 1	26	K R-K 1
4	B-R 4	4	Kt-B 3	27	B-Kt 3	27	Q-Kt 3
5	Castles	5	B-K 2	28	K-R 1	28	Kt-Q Kt 5
6	R-K 1	6	P-Q Kt 4	29	Q R-Q 1	29	P-Q R 4
7	B-Kt 3	7	P-Q 3	30	P-Q R 3	30	P-R 5
8	P-B 3	8	Kt-Q R 4	31	B-B 2	31	Kt x B
9	B-B 2	9	P-B 4	32	Kt x Kt	32	P-Q 5
10	P-Q 3	10	Castles	33	Kt-Kt 4	33	Kt-Kt 5
11	Q Kt-Q 2	11	Kt-B 3	34	R-Q 2	34	Kt-K 6
12	Kt-B 1	12	Q-B 2	35	Q-B 2	35	B-B 1
13	B-Kt 5	13	Kt-K 1	36	Kt-B 3	36	B-Kt 2
14	B x B	14	Kt x B	37	K-Kt 1	37	Kt-Kt 5
15	Kt-K 3	15	Kt-K B 3	38	R x R ch	38	R x R
16	Kt-R 4	16	B-K 3	39	Q x P	39	B x Kt
17	P-Q 4	17	K-R 1	40	Kt-B 2	40	Q-K 3
18	P-K Kt 3	18	Q R-Q 1	41	K-B 1	41	B-Q 8
19	P-K B 4	19	K P x Q P	42	Kt-Kt 4	42	Q-K 8 ch
20	P x P	20	P x P	43	K-Kt 2	43	R-Kt 7 ch
21	Q x P	21	Kt-B 3	44	R x R	44	Q x R ch
22	Q-Q 2	22	P-Q 4	45	K-Kt 1	45	Q x R P ch
23	P-K 5	23	Kt-K 5	46	Resigns		

GAME NO. 5.550.

Queen's Pawn Game.

WHITE		BLACK		WHITE		BLACK	
H. E. ATKINS		H. E. PRICE		H. E. ATKINS		H. E. PRICE	
1	P-Q 4	1	Kt-K B 3	23	K-Kt 2	23	Kt-B 3
2	P-Q B 4	2	P-K Kt 3	24	Kt-Kt 3	24	R-B 6
3	Kt-Q B 3	3	P-Q 4	25	P-Kt 5	25	Kt-Q 2
4	P x P	4	Kt x P	26	Kt-K 2	26	R-R 6
5	P-K 4	5	Kt x Kt	27	Kt-B 1	27	P-Q R 4
6	P x Kt	6	B-Kt 2	28	Kt-Kt 3	28	P-R 5
7	B-R 3	7	Castles	29	P-Q 5	29	Q-Q 1
8	B-Q 3	8	Kt-Q 2	30	P x P	30	P x Kt
9	Kt-K 2	9	P-Q B 4	31	P x Kt	31	R x P
10	Castles	10	P-Kt 3	32	P x R (Q)	32	R x Q ch
11	P-B 3	11	P-K 3	33	R x R	33	Q x Q
12	B-Kt 5	12	Q-B 2	34	B-Q B 4 !	34	Q-K 4
13	Q-K 1	13	P-Q R 3	35	R-Q 4	35	B-B 4
14	B-Q 3	14	B-Kt 2	36	R-Q 8 ch	36	B-B 1
15	Q-B 2	15	K R-Q 1	37	B x P !	37	Q-B 6
16	Q R-Q 1	16	Q R-B 1	38	B-Q 4	38	Q-B 2
17	B-Kt 2	17	P-Q Kt 4	39	B-B 6	39	P-R 3
18	B-B 1	18	P-Kt 5	40	R (B 2)-Q 2	40	P x P
19	B P x P	19	P x Kt P	41	R x B ch	41	K x R
20	B-K Kt 5	20	R-K 1	42	R-Q 8 ch	42	Q x R
21	B-K 3	21	B-B 1	43	B x Q	43	Resigns
22	P-Kt 4	22	Q-Kt 3				

GAME NO. 5,551.

Ruy Lopez.

WHITE		BLACK		WHITE		BLACK	
F. D. YATES		H. E. PRICE		F. D. YATES		H. E. PRICE	
1	P—K 4	1	P—K 4	26	Q—Kt 6 ch	26	K—R 1
2	Kt—K B 3	2	Kt—Q B 3	27	R—K Kt 1	27	R—K Kt 2
3	B—Kt 5	3	P—Q R 3	28	Q—R 5	28	R×R ch
4	B—R 4	4	Kt—B 3	29	K×R	29	B—Kt 2
5	Castles	5	B—K 2	30	Q—B 7	30	Q Kt—K 2
6	R—K 1	6	P—Q Kt 4	31	B×P	31	R—B 1
7	B—Kt 3	7	P—Q 3	32	Q—R 5	32	P×P
8	P—B 3	8	Kt—Q R 4	33	P×P	33	Q×P
9	B—B 2	9	P—B 4	34	B—K Kt 5	34	Q×K P
10	P—Q 3	10	Kt—B 3	35	Q R—Q 1	35	P—Kt 5
11	Q Kt—Q 2	11	Castles	36	P×P	36	P×P
12	Kt—B 1	12	P—Q 4	37	B×Kt (Kt 1)	37	R×B
13	Q—K 2	13	P—Q 5	38	K—R 2	38	Kt—B 4
14	P—K R 3	14	R—K 1	39	Kt—B 3	39	Q—B 7
15	P—K Kt 4	15	P—K R 3	40	R—Q 2	40	Q—K 5
16	Kt—Kt 3	16	B—B 1	41	R—Q 7	41	Q—B 3
17	Kt—B 5	17	K—R 2	42	R—K B 7	42	Q—K 3
18	B—Kt 3	18	B—K 3	43	Kt—R 4	43	Kt×Kt
19	P—Kt 5	19	Kt—K Kt 1	44	R—B 6	44	Kt—B 6 ch
20	P×R P	20	P×R P	45	R×Kt	45	P—K 5
21	Kt—Kt 5 ch	21	K—Kt 3	46	B—B 6	46	K—R 2
22	Kt—R 4 ch	22	K—Kt 2	47	Q—B 5 ch	47	Q×Q
23	Kt×B ch	23	P×Kt	48	R×Q	48	R—K B 1
24	Q—Kt 4 ch	24	K—R 2	49	R—Q R 5	49	R×B
25	K—R 1	25	R—R 2	50	K—Kt 1	50	R—Q B 3
				51	Resigns		

GAME NO. 5,552.

Queen's Pawn Game.

WHITE		BLACK		WHITE		BLACK	
H. E. ATKINS		H. SAUNDERS		H. E. ATKINS		H. SAUNDERS	
1	P—Q 4	1	Kt—K B 3	19	P—Q R 3	19	B—K Kt 3
2	P—Q B 4	2	P—K Kt 3	20	R—Kt 5	20	Kt—Kt 5
3	Kt—Q B 3	3	P—Q 3	21	Kt—K R 4	21	Kt—Kt 6 ch
4	P—K 4	4	B—Kt 2	22	K—Q 1	22	B—B 7 ch
5	Kt—B 3	5	Kt—B 3	23	K—K 1	23	B—K 5
6	P—K R 3	6	Castles	24	Q×B	24	Q×P ch
7	B—K 3	7	Kt—Q 2	25	K—Q 1	25	R—B 5
8	Q—Q 2	8	P—K 4	26	R—B 1	26	Q—Q 5 ch ?
9	P—Q 5	9	Q Kt—Kt 1	27	Q×Q	27	R×Q ch
10	B—R 6	10	P—K B 4	28	K—K 1	28	Kt—B 7 ch
11	B×B	11	K×B	29	K—B 2	29	R×Kt
12	P×P	12	P×P	30	K—Kt 3	30	R—B 5
13	B—K 2	13	P—Q R 4	31	R×R	31	P×R ch
14	P—K Kt 4	14	Kt—B 4	32	K×P	32	Kt (B 7)—Q 5
15	P×P	15	B×P	33	R—Kt 2	33	R—K 1
16	Castles Q R	16	Q Kt—R 3	34	B—Kt 4	34	P—K R 3
17	Q R—Kt 1 ch	17	K—R 1	35	B—Q 1	35	Kt—B 4
18	Q—K 3	18	Q—B 3	36	R—Q 2	36	R—K B 1 ch

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Queen's Pawn Game.

WHITE		BLACK		WHITE		BLACK	
J. H. BLAKE		H. E. ATKINS		J. H. BLAKE		H. E. ATKINS	
1	P—Q 4	1	Kt—K B 3	29	K—R 2	29	Kt—K B 3
2	P—Q B 4	2	P—K Kt 3	30	R—K B 1	30	Q—K 1
3	Kt—Q B 3	3	B—Kt 2	31	Kt—B 1	31	Q—B 2
4	P—K 4	4	P—Q 3	32	Kt—Q 3	32	Kt—B 1
5	P—K Kt 3	5	Castles	33	R—Kt 7	33	Q—K 1
6	B—Kt 2	6	Kt—B 3	34	R—Q Kt 1	34	P—K R 3
7	K Kt—K 2	7	P—K 4	35	Q—Q 1	35	K—Kt 1
8	P—Q 5	8	Kt—K 2	36	B—K 3 ?	36	K—R 1
9	P—K R 3	9	K—R 1	37	R—B 7	37	R—R 2
10	B—K 3	10	P—B 4	38	R×R	38	Kt×R
11	Q—Q 2	11	K Kt—Kt 1	39	R—Kt 6	39	P—B 5
12	Castles K R	12	P—Q R 3	40	B—B 2	40	P×P ch
13	P—R 3	13	B—Q 2	41	B×P	41	Kt—B 1
14	P—Q Kt 4	14	P—Kt 3	42	R×R P	42	P—Kt 4
15	Q R—Kt 1	15	Q—B 2	43	R—R 8	43	Kt—R 4
16	R—Kt 3	16	P—B 4	44	R—Kt 8 ?	44	Kt×B
17	K R—Kt 1	17	Kt—K B 3	45	K×Kt	45	P—R 4
18	Kt P×P	18	Kt P×P	46	Kt—K 2	46	Q—Kt 3
19	R—Kt 7	19	Q—Q 1	47	R—Kt 7 ?	47	R—B 2
20	P—B 3	20	B—B 1	48	Kt—B 2	48	B—R 3
21	Q R—Kt 6	21	Q—B 2	49	Q—Q 3	49	P—Kt 5
22	Q—B 2	22	Kt—R 4	50	K—R 2	50	P—Kt 6 ch
23	B—Q 2	23	B—Q 2	51	Kt×P	51	B—B 5
24	R—Kt 7	24	Q—Q 1	52	Kt—R 1	52	P—R 5
25	Kt—R 4	25	B—B 1	53	K—Kt 1	53	P×Kt
26	Q R—Kt 6	26	B—Q 2	34	Q—B 2	34	B—K 6 ch
27	Q—Kt 3	27	Q—K 1	55	K—B 1	55	B—Q 5
28	Q Kt—B 3	28	Q—B 2	56	R—Kt 8	56	Q—Kt 4
				57	Resigns		

GAME No. 5.554.

English Opening.

WHITE		BLACK		WHITE		BLACK	
H. JACOBS		H. SAUNDERS		H. JACOBS		H. SAUNDERS	
1	P—Q B 4	1	P—K 4	17	P—K R 4	17	P—K R 4
2	P—K Kt 3	2	P—K Kt 3	18	Q—R 3	18	Kt—Q 5
3	B—Kt 2	3	B—Kt 2	19	B—B 3	19	K—R 2
4	P—Q 3	4	Kt—K 2	20	Kt—K 2	20	Kt×Kt ch
5	Kt—Q B 3	5	P—Q B 3	21	B×Kt	21	Q—Kt 3
6	P—K 4	6	P—Q 3	22	R—Kt 1	22	Q R—K B 1
7	Kt—B 3	7	Castles	23	B—Q 2	23	P—Q 4
8	B—Q 2	8	Kt—R 3	24	P—Kt 4	24	P—B 6
9	Castles	9	B—Kt 5	25	B—Q 1	25	P×K P
10	P—K R 3	10	B×Kt	26	P×P	26	Q—Q 5
11	B×B	11	P—K B 4	27	B—Kt 5	27	Q×K P
12	B—Kt 2	12	Kt—B 4	28	B—Kt 3	28	R—B 5
13	B—B 1	13	P—B 5	29	Q R—K 1	29	R—Kt 5 ch
14	P×P	14	P×P	30	K—R 1	30	Q—B 4
15	Q—B 3	15	Kt—K 3	31	R×Kt	31	R—Kt 8 ch
16	Q—Kt 4	16	R—B 3	32	K×R	32	Q×Q
				33	Resigns		

GAME No. 5,555.

Queen's Gambit Declined.

WHITE		BLACK		WHITE		BLACK	
W. WINTER		H. B. UBER		W. WINTER		H. B. UBER	
1 P—Q 4		1 P—Q 4		22 Q Kt×P		22 K R—Q 1	
2 Kt—K B 3		2 Kt—K B 3		23 B—B 4		23 B×B	
3 P—B 4		3 P—B 3		24 Q×B		24 Kt—B 1	
4 Kt—B 3		4 B—B 4		25 Q R—K 1		25 R—Q 2	
5 Q—Kt 3		5 Q—Kt 3		26 R—K 2		26 Q—B 2	
6 P—B 5		6 Q—B 2		27 P—K R 4		27 P×P	
7 B—B 4		7 Q—B 1		28 P—Kt 5		28 B×P	
8 P—K 3		8 Kt—R 4		29 K Kt×B		29 P×Kt	
9 B×Kt		9 R×B		30 Kt×P		30 R—Q 4	
10 Q—R 4		10 Kt—B 3		31 R—Kt 2		31 P—K 3	
11 Q×R P		11 Kt—Q 2		32 P×P		32 Kt—Kt 3	
12 Q—R 4		12 P—B 3		33 R—B 7		33 Q—Q 1	
13 Kt—R 4		13 B—K 3		34 R×P ch		34 K—Kt 1	
14 B—Q 3		14 B—B 2		35 R—R 8 ch		35 Kt×R	
15 Castles K R		15 P—K Kt 3		36 Kt—B 7 ch		36 K—B 1	
16 P—B 4		16 B—Kt 2		37 Kt×Q		37 Q R×Kt	
17 P—B 5		17 P—K Kt 4		38 Q—K 2		38 K—K 2	
18 Kt—B 3		18 Castles		39 Q—K 3		39 R—K 1	
19 Q—B 2		19 B—R 3		40 R—Kt 7 ch		40 K—Q 1	
20 P—K Kt 4		20 K—R 1		41 Q—Q R 3		41 Resigns	
21 P—K 4		21 P×P					

GAME No. 5,556.

Centre Counter Game.

WHITE		BLACK		WHITE		BLACK	
H. B. UBER		H. JACOBS		H. B. UBER		H. JACOBS	
1 P—K 4		1 P—Q 4		26 R—Kt 2		26 Kt—B 1	
2 P×P		2 Kt—K B 3		27 B—B 5		27 Q—K 3	
3 B—Kt 5 ch		3 Q Kt—Q 2		28 Q—R 6		28 P—Kt 3	
4 Kt—Q B 3		4 P—Q R 3		29 B—K 3		29 B—Q 2	
5 B×Kt ch		5 B×B		30 P—R 4		30 R—Kt 2	
6 Kt—K 2		6 P—Q B 3		31 K R—Kt 1		31 Q—B 2	
7 P×P		7 B×P		32 B—B 1		32 Kt—K 3	
8 Castles		8 P—K 3		33 Kt—K 2		33 P—B 4	
9 P—Q 3		9 B—K 2		34 P×P		34 Q×P	
10 B—K 3		10 Castles		35 R—Kt 3		35 Kt—B 5	
11 P—K B 3		11 Q—B 2		36 Kt (K 2)—B 3		36 Kt—R 4	
12 Q—K 1		12 B—Q 3		37 R—Kt 2		37 Q—R 6 ch	
13 Q—R 4		13 K R—K 1		38 R—R 2		38 Q×P ch	
14 Q R—K 1		14 B—K 2		39 Q R—Kt 2		39 B—R 6	
15 Q—B 2		15 B—Q 3		40 K—R 2		40 B×R	
16 B—Kt 6		16 Q—K 2		41 R×B		41 Kt—B 5	
17 Kt—K 4		17 B—Kt 1		42 B×Kt		42 Q×B ch	
18 P—K Kt 3		18 Kt—Q 2		43 Q×Q		43 P×Q	
19 B—K 3		19 P—K 4		44 K—R 3		44 Q R—K B 1	
20 P—K Kt 4		20 R—B 1		45 Kt—Q 5		45 R—B 4	
21 K Kt—Kt 3		21 P—K Kt 3		46 R—Kt 5		46 B—Q 1	
22 Q—Kt 2		22 K—R 1		47 R×R		47 P×R	
23 Q—R 3		23 P—B 3		48 Kt—Q 2		48 R—Kt 5	
24 K—R 1		24 B—B 2		49 Kt—B 4		49 P—B 6	
25 R—K 2		25 R—B 2		50 Kt (B 4)—K 3		50 P—B 7	
				51 Resigns			

GAME No. 5.557.

Queen's Gambit Declined.

WHITE		BLACK		WHITE		BLACK	
H. E. ATKINS		W. GOODING		H. E. ATKINS		W. GOODING	
1	P—Q 4	1	P—Q 4	15	Kt—Q 2	15	Q—R 3
2	P—Q B 4	2	P—K 3	16	P—B 3	16	P×P
3	Kt—Q B 3	3	Kt—K B 3	17	K Kt×P	17	P—Kt 5
4	B—Kt 5	4	B—K 2	18	Kt—Q 2	18	Kt—B 3
5	P—K 3	5	Castles	19	K—Kt 1	19	B—Q 2
6	Kt—B 3	6	Q Kt—Q 2	20	P—K Kt 3	20	Q R—K 1
7	R—B 1	7	P—B 3	21	R—B 4	21	P—K 4
8	Q—B 2	8	Kt—K 5	22	P×P	22	R×P
9	B×B	9	Q×B	23	Q—B 2	23	Q—Kt 4
10	B—Q 3	10	P—K B 4	24	R—K B 1	24	K—Kt 2
11	Castles	11	Q—B 3	25	P—K 4	25	P×B P
12	Q—K 2	12	K—R 1	26	Kt×P	26	R—Q B 4
13	K—R 1	13	P—K Kt 4	27	P—K 5	27	Resigns
14	B×Kt	14	B P×B				

GAME No. 5.558.

Queen's Pawn Game.

WHITE		BLACK		WHITE		BLACK	
W. GOODING		F. D. YATES		W. GOODING		F. D. YATES	
1	P—Q 4	1	Kt—K B 3	15	Kt—Q 5	15	R×Kt
2	P—Q B 4	2	P—K Kt 3	16	B P×R	16	Kt×K P
3	Kt—Q B 3	3	B—Kt 2	17	Q—B 1	17	Kt×B
4	P—K 4	4	P—Q 3	18	K×Kt	18	Kt—Kt 6 ch
5	P—B 4	5	Kt—B 3	19	K—B 2	19	Kt×R ch
6	B—K 2	6	Castles	20	R×Kt	20	P×P
7	B—K 3	7	Kt—Q 2	21	P×P	21	B×P
8	P—K Kt 4	8	P—K 4	22	R—Kt 1	22	P—R 4
9	Q P×P	9	P×P	23	B—B 5	23	Q—B 3
10	P—B 5	10	Kt—Q 5	24	Q—Kt 5	24	B—Kt 5
11	Q—Q 2	11	P—Q R 4	25	Q×Q	25	B×Q
12	Kt—B 3	12	Kt—B 4	26	K—K 3	26	B—Kt 2
13	R—Q 1	13	Q—K 2	27	Kt—Kt 5	27	R—Q 1
14	P—K R 4 ?	14	R—Q 1	28	Resigns		

GAME No. 5.559.

Queen's Pawn Game.

WHITE		BLACK		WHITE		BLACK	
G. W. MOSES		F. D. YATES		G. W. MOSES		F. D. YATES	
1	P—Q 4	1	Kt—K B 3	11	Castles	11	K—R 1
2	Kt—K B 3	2	P—K Kt 3	12	Q R—K 1	12	P—K B 4
3	B—B 4	3	B—Kt 2	13	Kt×Kt	13	P×Kt
4	P—Q B 3	4	P—Q 3	14	B—K 3	14	P—B 5
5	P—K R 3	5	Kt—B 3	15	B—B 5	15	R—B 3
6	Q Kt—Q 2	6	Castles	16	P—B 3	16	P—K Kt 4
7	P—K 4	7	Kt—Q 2	17	K—B 2	17	Q—R 4
8	Q—B 2	8	P—K 4	18	R—K R 1	18	P—Kt 3
9	P×P	9	K Kt×P	19	B—R 3	19	Q—R 5 ch
10	B—K 2	10	Q—K 1	20	K—B 1	20	P—Kt 5

21 B P×P	21 P—B 6	30 R—Q 1	30 Q×K P
22 Kt×P	22 B×Kt P	31 K—B 1	31 B—K 6
23 B—Q 1	23 Q R—Q 1	32 B×B	32 B×Q
24 R—K 3	24 B—R 3	33 K×B	33 Q—B 7 ch
25 R—Q 3	25 R—K Kt 1	34 K—K 3	34 R×Kt P
26 Q—B 2	26 Q—R 4	35 R×R	35 Q×R (Kt 7)
27 R—K Kt 1	27 B—Q B 1	36 B—K 2	36 P—K 5
28 K—K 1	28 Q—Kt 3	37 Kt—Kt 1	37 Q—B 7 ch
29 B—K 2	29 B—R 3	38 Resigns	

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

F. S. WHITTINGHAM (Rodborough).—We agree with you that in Game No. 5,440, Hicks *v.* Moir, Black was premature in accepting a draw, and that his right move to continue the game was 25... R×B. White cannot reply 26 Q—B 1 on account of 26... R—Q 5 winning a piece; nor 26 Q—Kt 8 ch, R—Q 1; 27 Q—R 7 on account of 28... P—B 4; 29 R—B 1, and Black mates in three moves; he would have therefore to play 26 R—B 1, whereupon... R—Q 5, and White's only resource to avoid immediate loss is 27 Q—Kt 8 ch, K—B 2; 28 Q—Kt 3 ch, Q×Q; 29 P×Q, K—Q 3; and if White succeeded in drawing from that position the adjudicator might have been puzzled to decide which of the two players had the better claim to the "recovery" prize.

PROBLEM WORLD

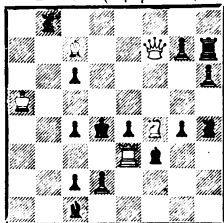
By B. G. LAWS.

All communications respecting problems must be addressed to Mr. B. G. Laws, 21 Nelson Road, Stroud Green, London, N.W.8.

CONSTRUCTION NOTE.

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(Prague).

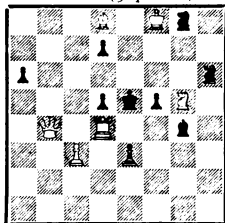
BLACK (14 pieces)



WHITE (5 pieces)
Mate in three.

By OLDRICH DURAS
(Prague).

BLACK (9 pieces)



WHITE (6 pieces)
Mate in three.

We take these two problems from *Slovensky Narod* of 31st May last, the chess editors of which are M. Havel and K. Weber. The second position is reproduced by the S.N. from *Ceske Slovo* of 10th May. It looks very much as if one of these positions was suggested by the other, but our real object is to call attention to the similarity of the first of these to our No. 2,513 by ourselves (April, 1925). In the course of constructing this latter problem we used a Bishop instead of Knight, but found it expedient to make the change. Duras apparently has cleverly overcome the difficulty we experienced by

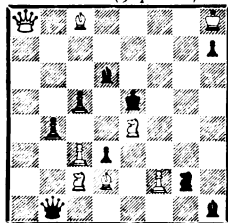
adopting a give-and-take key-move. As there is a mate set if 1..., K×R by 2 B—Kt6 ch this small defect almost vanishes. The variation after 1..., P—B6 is as unexpected as it is clever.

SAXON CHESS ASSOCIATION TOURNEY, 1925.

Four-movers.

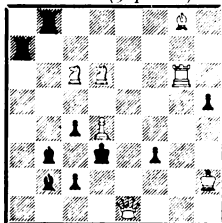
Those who enjoy the substantial four-mover will find this trio to their taste. That by Vetter we draw particular attention to, as we found it exceedingly difficult to solve. This difficulty was made more acute by reason of one alluring and seductive try which has in it some good play. When one gets a promising clue, not knowing it is intended to fail, the inducement is to pursue it until the truth comes to light and then there is the beginning again!

First Prize.
By H. VETTER.
BLACK (9 pieces)



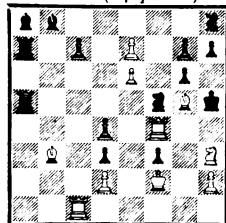
WHITE (8 pieces)
Mate in four.

Second Prize.
By Dr. G. KAISER.
BLACK (9 pieces)



WHITE (7 pieces)
Mate in four.

Third Prize.
By E. BAUMGARTEN.
BLACK (14 pieces)

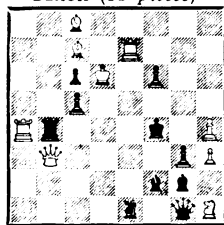


WHITE (10 pieces)
Mate in four.

Hon. mentions: Dr. F. Palitzsch and E. O. Martin.

This is a nicely-conceived two-mover by one of the new corps of composers who is making excellent progress in construction.

By J. BUNTING
(Chesterfield).
First Prize
Newcastle Chronicle
Tourney.
BLACK (10 pieces)

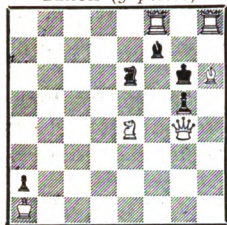


WHITE (9 pieces)
Mate in two.

In our observations upon Mr. Anderson's three-mover when giving the solution at page 400 of last month, we stated there was a double threat which resulted in dual play. This is incorrect as the continuation 2 Kt—Q2 ch can only occur after the Black Rook leaves its present rank, such as 1..., R×B. We were misled and think it right to correct the error.

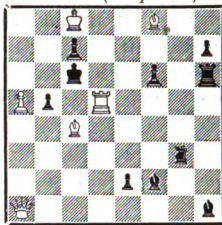
The solving competition of the British Chess Federation at the August congress held at Stratford-on-Avon, under the control of the British Chess Problem Society, resulted in a dead heat between Messrs. Adcock and Keeble. The following are the problems submitted:—

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By B. J. DE C. ANDRADE.
BLACK (5 pieces)



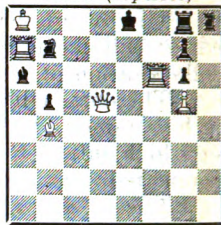
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Mate in two.

No. 2.
By R. G. THOMSON.
BLACK (10 pieces)



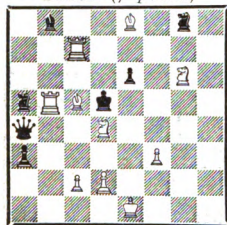
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Mate in two.

No. 3.
By E. BOSWELL.
BLACK (8 pieces)



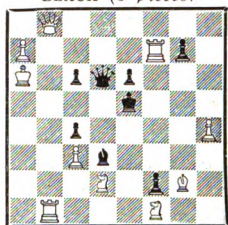
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No. 4.
By B. J. DE C. ANDRADE.
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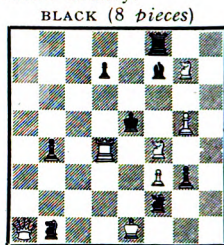


WHITE (10 pieces)
Mate in two.

No. 5.
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the British Chess Problem Society.
BLACK (8 pieces)



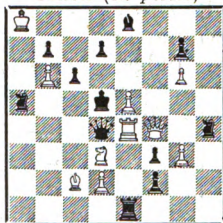
WHITE (10 pieces)
Mate in three.



WHITE (7 pieces)
Mate in three.

No. 7.
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the British Chess Problem Society.

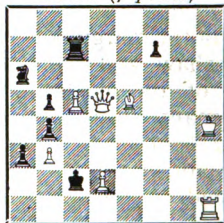
BLACK (12 pieces)



WHITE (10 pieces)
Mate in three.

No. 8.

BLACK (7 pieces)



WHITE (7 pieces)
Mate in three.

We received too late for acknowledgment last month further correct solutions to Mr. Andrade's synthetic two-mover which we published in August, from S. Hertmann, F. J. Kovacs and J. R. Neukomm, of Budapest.

The *Bristol Times and Mirror* offers prizes of £1 and 10s. for the best two-movers published during the latter half of this year, and in every subsequent half-year until further notice. Problems, which must be original and hitherto unpublished, will appear in the order in which they are received. Every competitor will receive a copy of the column containing his contribution and the comments thereon a fortnight later.

The awards will be published in January and July. The chess editor will act as judge in the current competition, with the possible collaboration of another judge to be announced later.

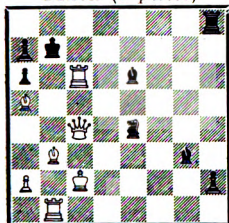
The chess editor reserves the right to reject any problem which, in his opinion, does not attain the necessary standard of publication, or which suffers from lack of originality. His decision in all matters connected with the tourneys must be accepted as final.

The chess editor is that brilliant English composer, Mr. C. Mansfield.

TWENTY-FOURTH CONGRESS OF THE GERMAN CHESS ASSOCIATION TOURNEY.

First Prize.

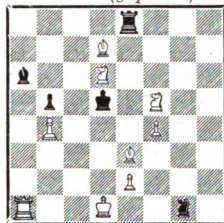
By DR. VON GOTTSCHALL.
BLACK (8 pieces)



WHITE (7 pieces)
Mate in three.

Second Prize.

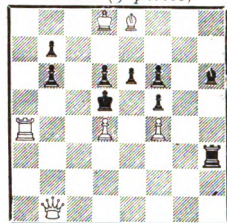
By O. DEHLER.
BLACK (5 pieces)



WHITE (9 pieces)
Mate in three.

First Hon. Mention.

By DR. VON GOTTSCHALL.
BLACK (9 pieces)



WHITE (6 pieces)
Mate in three.

Hon. mentions : O. Fuss (2) and K. Erlin.

We give in the margin a very old two-mover by W. Grimshaw and wonder if the judges were aware of its existence. It has been reproduced many times. Gottschall's first prize problem is not much more than Grimshaw's with a move added to make it a three-mover.

The second prize position by Dehler has a curious feature not often met with, though we remember Mr. A. C. White once remarking upon the possibility. Reverse the setting right to left so that the White King stands on his own square. Would then anyone claim a cook by Castling? It sometimes happens that editors and even composers do not adhere to the position as first presented.

By W. GRIMSHAW.
Illustrated London News,
1853.

BLACK (9 pieces)



WHITE (9 pieces)
Mate in two.

SOLVERS' SCORE—"LADDER" COMPETITION.

Problems (August) 2,527 to 2,530 inclusive.

*Dr. Tennant Bruce (60) 5-5-10-20 (100); L. W. Cafferata (130); *R. W. Clark (Canada) (155); J. Chadwick (Sydney) (100); †A. Cannell (380) 5-5-10-20 (420); *W. H. Cutland (515) 5-5-10-20 (555); J. W. Davis (190+30 July=220); *J. C. Derlien (130) 5-5-10-20 (170); Rev. A. S. Dean (395) 5-0-0-0 (400); R. J. Darval (Albara, Sudan) (25+30 July=55) 5-5-10-20 (95); J. Erpinosaf (Barcelona) (40); *C. Folley (520); A. Galbraith (135); **Albert Haddy (475) 5-5-10-20 (515); †W. F. Herbert (0) 5-5-10-0 (20); Rev. F. O'D. Hoare (560) 5-5-10-0 (580); ††G. Stillingfleet Johnson (60) 0-5-10-20 (95); N. V. Joshi (Pusa, India) (555+30 July=585) 5-5-10-20 (625); †Frederick Lee (170) 5-5-10-20 (210); *J. A. Lewis (490); *Hubert Lees (Auckland) (595+30 June=625); T. N. R. Leistikow (285); D. Murray (505); *Johannes Neilson (285) 5-5-10-20 (325); †A. Peacock (90) 5-5-10-0 (110); E. W. Punnett (265) 5-0-10-20 (300); T. Rosenfield (415) 5-5-10-20 (455); W. H. Rawlings (Montreal) (50); Rev. J. Schipper (215+20 for No. 2,514 April omitted=235) 5-5-10-20 (275); F. W. Syberg (185); O. L. Telling (Monte Carlo) (110); "Tiro" (Ribe, Denmark) (510) 5-5-10-20 (550); R. G. Tyzack (160+5 omitted June=165) 5-5-10-20 (205); A. C. Vaughan (335) 5-5-10-0 (355); Rev. E. Wells (220) 5-5-10-20 (260); W. A. Way (Malay States) (375+60 June and July=355); H. A. Warwell (65) 5-5-10-0 (85).

Hubert Lees, handicapped by distance, sending his solutions from New Zealand and consequently some weeks behind the majority of our band of solvers, has reached with his June total the highest registered score this month.

Since writing the above, N. V. Joshi's solutions to the August problems have come to hand from India which brings his aggregate to a similar total to Hubert Lees.

SOLUTIONS.

No. 2,527, by C. H. D. Clark.—1 B—Kt 7. The key is not a great one as it leaves an *en prise* position, but the destination is a neat matter, showing in such cases how useful the White King can be when not engaged in the actual play. The variety is on the whole good, the best defence and mate being 1., P—K 4; 2 Kt—B 6.

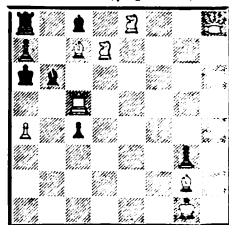
No. 2,528, by Dr. F. B. Feast.—1 Q—R 1. We do not think Dr. Feast was aware of the subjoined two-mover which pleased many at the time it appeared in the *Leeds Mercury* in 1888, when he contributed this problem. It matters little, for one is glad to get such a refined version of the idea, and we are sure Mr. Keeble himself will appreciate the artistic touch shown in No. 2,528.

No. 2,529, by E. Boswell.—1 K—B 7, P—B 5; 2 R—R 5 ch. If 1., others; 2 R—K 6. Quite an old friend in idea neatly handled. The sacrifice of the Rook may be a surprise to the novice solver, but to the more experienced it is almost on the surface.

No. 2,530, by W. Bukofzer.—1 P—Kt 5, K—B 5; 2 Kt—Q 5 ch, K—K 4; 3 R—Kt 4 ch. If 1., K—Q 3; 2 Kt—K 4 ch, K—K 4; 3 R—K 7 ch. If 1., K—B 3; 2 Kt—K 8 ch, K—K 4; 3 R—K B 7. A delightful study with the forces employed reminding one of Havel's clever duplication of play with strict economy, but here we have three White Pawns which might set our continental friend's teeth on edge! It would be a pity to lose such a gem because of the presence of necessary White Pawns. The echoes here are good

By J. KEEBLE.

BLACK (7 pieces)



WHITE (8 pieces)

Mate in two.

and perhaps some of our Bohemian experts may like to tackle them without the offending White Pawns.

By P. ten Cate (p. 397).—1 Kt (Q 6)—Kt 7. Rather a small affair. There is a temptation to play the other Knight to K 7.

By K. Nielson (p. 397).—1 Kt—Q 4, K×Q Kt; 2 B—B 2 ch. If 1., K×K Kt; 2 B—Q 2 ch. If 1., B—Q 6; 2 Kt—Kt 2 ch. If 1., others; 2 Kt—B 2 ch. On the surface the key is all that is desired, but when thought out is structurally the only one to make. The play is of the clean order leading to conventional models.

By C. R. B. Sumner (p. 397).—1 P—Q 4. There is more variety in this problem than the 1889 one helped by the employment of more material, but some acknowledgment seems in order.

By F. L. Simhovici (p. 397).—1 Q—R 8, Kt—K 2 or K moves; 2 B—B 8. If 1., Kt—B 3 or R 3; 2 Q—K B 8. The solution of this when compared is, we are of opinion, a sufficient commentary that it should give place to Moller's, yet it received tourney honours.

By F. L. Simhovici (p. 397).—1 K—B 2, K—R 8; 2 Q—K 5. If 1., R—R 8; 2 Q—K 6. If 1., K—B 8; 2 Q—Q B 6 ch. Here there is the introduction of one very small feature which decidedly is not enough to give the problem any assumed air of originality.

By Mrs. F. F. Rowland (p. 397).—1 P—K 4. See our remarks on C. R. B. Sumner's problem above.

By J. Möller (p. 397).—1 B—Kt 7, Kt—Kt 4 or B 1; 2 B—R 6. If 1., Kt—B 3; 2 Q—R 6. If 1., K—B 5; 2 B—R 6 ch. See above: Simhovici's first three-mover.

By Chocologus and Dobrusky (p. 397).—1 K—Q 2, K—R 8; 2 Q—Q B 6. If 1., R—R 8; 2 Q—K 5. If 1., K—B 8; 2 Q—K B 6 ch. See above: Simhovici's second three-mover.

By S. P. Filaretoff (p. 398).—1 Kt—R 3. Not much out of the ordinary. A Knight held in suspense in similar juxtaposition to the Black King generally has to get away. Some of the play is passable.

By K. A. L. Kubbel (p. 398).—1 Q—R 7. A bright two-mover, the key giving more than it takes, but even this is not liked in these days when the cutting out of a retreat of the Black King takes place. All else is really good.

By N. K. Malachoff (p. 398).—1 B—R 3, K×Kt; 2 Q—R 8 ch. If 1., K—K 6; 2 B—B 5 ch. If 1., B—Q 3; 2 B—B 1 ch. If 1., P—Kt 6; 2 Q×P ch. If 1., P—R 6; 2 P—Kt 3 ch. If 1., others; 2 Kt—B 4. A clever arrangement with five effective model mates. It is not difficult to solve though a trap exists in the try 1 B—Kt 4.

By A. Kubbel (p. 398).—1 Q—K 1, K×P; 2 P—B 4 ch. If 1., K—B 4; 2 Kt—Q 7 ch. If 1., B×P; 2 Q—K 3 ch. If 1., others; 2 Kt—Q 7. A very powerful key-move, but it is followed by three good continuations.

By M. W. Tronoff (p. 398).—1 Kt—Kt 6, R—B 4; 2 R—K 5 ch. If 1., K—Q 3; 2 Q—Q 7 ch. If 1., R×R; 2 Q×Kt P ch. If 1., K—B 3; 2 R×R. If 1., R×P; 2 Kt—B 8. If 1., others; 2 R×R. The sacrifice of the Rook in similar circumstances is not new, but here it is deftly presented.

By K. A. L. Kubbel (p. 398).—1 Q—Q 1, K×R; 2 B—K 4 ch. If 1., B—B 8; 2 B—R 5 ch. If 1., K—B 2; 2 Q—Q 5 ch. If 1., others; 2 B—Q 5. The distant Queen renders her movement pretty obvious and though 1 Q—B 2 appears strong one soon has to discard it for Q 1, the only other move with promise. The mate with the Pawn is a little surprising and very nice.

By Schor and Neukomm (p. 399).—Black: 1 R—R 5, K—Kt 3; 2 B—Kt 5, K—B 4; 3 B—R 4 dis ch, K—Q 5; 4 R—K B 5, Kt—Kt 7 mate. Amusing and clever.

By W. Bukofzer (p. 399).—1 Q—R 6, P—K 5; 2 Q—B 8, P—K 6; 3 B×P, P—Q 4; 4 Kt—B 3 ch. If 1., P×P; 2 B—B 1, K—R 8 (best); 3 B—Q Kt 2 dbl ch, K—R 7; 4 Q—B 1. An ingenious blend of two strategic lines of play, that after 1., P×P being by no means easy to see.

By A. Ellerman (p. 399).—1 Q—R 6. The Queen takes up a commanding position, but the interplay with the unpinning of the Knight by the advance of the three Pawns is cleverly manoeuvred.

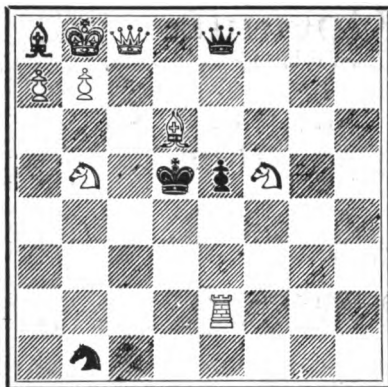
By E. G. Schuller (p. 399).—1 R—Q Kt 4. Rather confusing to the solver, hence a little difficult to solve. The cross-checks are met in an ingenious fashion.

ORIGINAL PROBLEMS.

No. 2,535.

By A. ELLERMAN
(Buenos Aires).

BLACK (4 pieces)



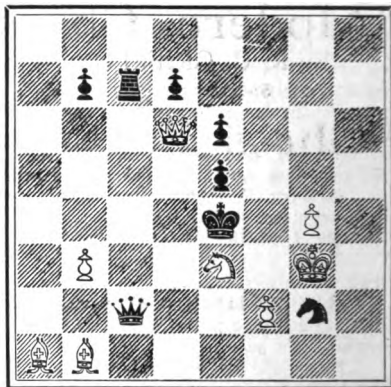
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White mates in two moves.

No. 2,536.

By F. SOMNA
(Palermo).

BLACK (8 pieces)



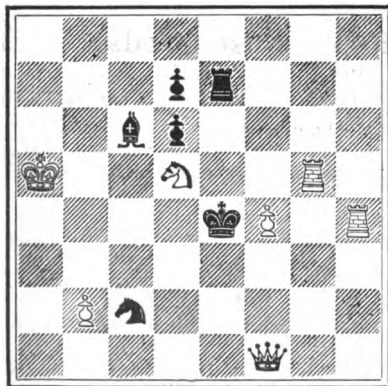
WHITE (8 pieces)

White mates in two moves.

No. 2,537.

By C. GAVRILOW
(Roumania).

BLACK (6 pieces)



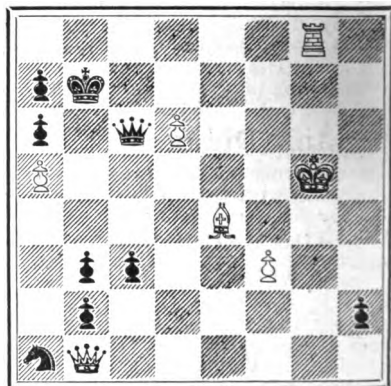
WHITE (7 pieces)

White mates in three moves.

No. 2,538.

By M. SOUKUP
(Pardulšče).

BLACK (9 pieces)



WHITE (7 pieces)

White mates in three moves.

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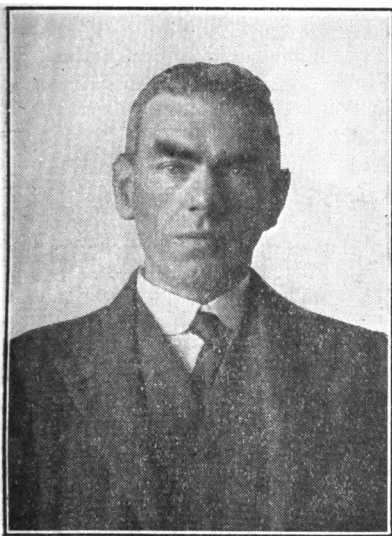
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THE IRISH CHAMPIONSHIP.

BY ONE OF THE COMPETITORS.

For the first time the Irish chess championship was conducted this year on tournament lines, and in view of the obstacles overcome, the chess union can look back with reasonable satisfaction on the results of its efforts. Irish chess labours under many disadvantages, of which the greatest is possibly the smallness of the class with sufficient leisure to take the game seriously. The number of clubs, although increasing, is lamentably small, distances between the chief centres are very great, and in few cases are the travelling facilities such as to allow of inter-town matches without the visiting team being compelled to spend a night away from home. The tournament represents a triumph over these disadvantages upon which the committee may be congratulated.



J. J. O'HANLON

With possibly three exceptions, *viz.*, Messrs. O'Connell of Cork, C. L. Thomas of Belfast, and H. N. Wallace of Dublin, who modestly took part in the Major tournament, the championship brought together the strongest Irish players, including three, Messrs. O'Hanlon, Baker and Cranston, who had repeatedly held the title. The tournament was held in the week beginning September 29th,

at 20 Lincoln Place, Dublin, and the play throughout was keen and of good quality. The result is unfortunately still in doubt as, owing to indifferent health, Mr. Baker was unable to complete play with his two principal competitors. In the circumstances his sporting opponents, Messrs. O'Hanlon and Thrift refused to claim the unfinished games and have agreed, with the consent of the committee, to forward for adjudication. The result appears

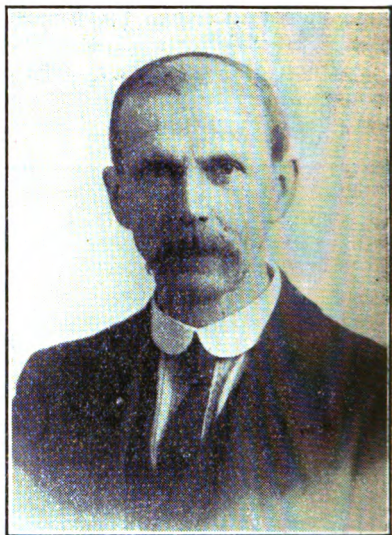
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to lie between Messrs. O'Hanlon and Thrift, and may possibly end in a tie. Mr. O'Hanlon is well known to *B.C.M.* readers as a frequent competitor in British and Continental tourneys. Professor Thrift, who alone succeeded in lowering his colours, is one of those fortunate individuals who seem able to jump into stride without any preliminary training. His play is of the fiercely aggressive type that one expects from one who knows no other god than Morphy. Owing to his ill-health Mr. Baker shirked the heavy middle game combinations and relied with obvious justification on his end-game powers, but he appears to have just missed chief honours.

Of the remaining players, Mr. Orr's score is the most creditable, as he was conscripted for the championship at the last moment. He is a very sound player and desperately hard to beat. Mr. Doyle's record is misleading. All his games were tremendous affairs and two, at least, might have been brilliant victories but for an unusual temporary inability to win won games.

Mr. Wallace, as anticipated, won the Major. In this tourney the play was more light hearted than in the championship, and there were but few draws. Items of interest were Major Cotter's win over the strong Dublin clubman, Mr. Reynolds, and the play of Mr. Hobson whose seventy-seven years sat lightly on him in all games of moderate length.

The management was in the hands of H. N. Bowesman, who is the Irish counterpart of R. H. S. Stevenson. Need one say more?



Professor W. E. THRIFT

IRISH CHAMPIONSHIP.

		I	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	T'l.
1	W. E. Thrift	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5
2	J. J. O'Hanlon	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4½
3	P. Baker	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4
4	J. Creevey	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3½
5	T. G. Cranston	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3
6	A. R. Orr	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3
7	J. J. Doyle	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
8	J. T. Gerrard	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1

* Unfinished—for adjudication.

MAJOR TOURNAMENT.

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	T'l.
1 N. H. Wallace	—	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	1	1	1	1	6 $\frac{1}{2}$
2 A. F. Falkiner	0	—	0	1	1	1	1	1	5
3 J. Reynolds	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	—	0	1	0	1	1	4 $\frac{1}{2}$
4 R. T. Varian	0	0	1	—	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	1	0	3 $\frac{1}{2}$
5 F. Hobson	0	0	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	—	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	3
6 Major J. M. Cotter	0	0	1	0	0	—	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	2 $\frac{1}{2}$
7 T. Brett	0	0	0	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	—	1	2
8 H. P. Kerney	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	—	1

The games between O'Hanlon and Thrift and also that between O'Hanlon and Doyle will be inserted in the December *B.C.M.* The championship meeting will be held next year in Belfast. J.C.

OBITUARY.

Somehow the death escaped our notice of Arthur Napoleon (de Santos), which occurred in Rio de Janeiro on May 12th. We now see it recorded in *Der Schwäbische Postbote*, copied from a Brazilian paper. Arthur Napoleon was born in Portugal over eighty-two years ago, being of Italian descent on his father's side. He was a brilliant pianist and also a composer. Of chess he was an enthusiastic amateur. In New York in 1859, when a boy of sixteen, he encountered Paul Morphy, who gave him the odds of Rook and beat him in a game which is described in Sergeant's *Morphy* as "of rather unusual character at the odds."

For the past fifty years Arthur Napoleon was domiciled in Brazil.

From New Zealand comes news of the deaths of Messrs. W. T. Thane, first hon. sec. of the Wellington C.C. (1876), and J. W. Witty, another N.Z. chess pioneer. Mr. Thane was 74, and Mr. Witty 87.

We regret to have to record the sudden death on September 19th, of G. F. Small, of the Glasgow Chess Club. He was a player of great promise and last season he carried off the Longwill and Macfarlane cups, in addition to winning the handicap competition. He also played successfully for his club in the first division of the Glasgow Chess League.

C. G. Bennett died somewhat suddenly at his residence, 1 Woodville Terrace, Gravesend, on September 27th. He was for twenty-two years manager of the Midland Bank, Ltd., at Pateley Bridge, Yorkshire, and for the whole of that time was intimately connected with Yorkshire Chess. He actually founded three clubs and was always to the fore in advancing the good of the game. By a sad coincidence his widow, Alice Mary Bennett, a daughter of the late John Thackeray, of Headingley, only survived him by six days, as she died at Gravesend on October 3rd.

GAME No. 5,560.

A curious example of what appeared to the winner to be a premature resignation occurred recently in a game in the "perpetual tournament" at the Los Angeles C.C.

Kieseritzky Gambit.

WHITE	BLACK
S. MLOTKOWSKI	A.H.B.
1 P—K 4	1 P—K 4
2 P—K B 4	2 P×P
3 Kt—K B 3	3 P—K Kt 4
4 P—K R 4	4 P—Kt 5
5 Kt—K 5	5 P—K R 4
6 B—B 4	6 R—R 2
7 P—Q 4	7 P—Q 3
8 Kt×B P	8 R×Kt
9 B×R ch	9 K×B
10 B×P	10 B—R 3
11 Q—Q 2	11 B×B
12 Castles	12 Q×P
13 Q×B ch	13 Resigns

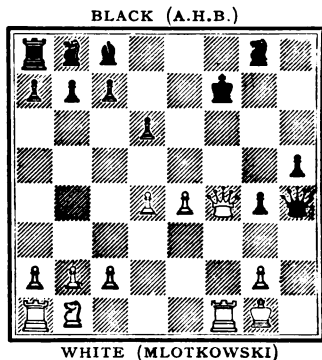
(See Diagram)

.....At the conclusion of the game the player of White offered to take the Black pieces and to try whether he could not save the game, which he did as follows :—
 13.., K—Kt 2; 14 Q—B 8 ch, K—R 1; 15 Q×B, Kt—B 3; 16 Q×R (if 16 Q—Q 7, Kt×P; 17 Kt—B 6 ch, etc.), Kt×P; 18

R—B 8, Q—K 8 ch; 19 R—B 1, Q—R 5 and draws.

Subsequently, however, Mr. Mlotkowski found a win for White after all. But there is something wrong in the record he sends us of the solution, so that we leave it to our readers to guess what the winning line is.

Position after 13.., Q×B ch.



RANDOM SUGGESTIONS No. 19.

BY STASCH MLOTKOWSKI.

Giuoco Piano.

WHITE	BLACK
1 P—K 4	1 P—K 4
2 Kt—K B 3	2 Kt—Q B 3
3 B—B 4	3 B—B 4
4 Castles	4 Kt—B 3
5 P—B 3	5 Kt×P
6 P—Q 4	6 P×P
7 P×P	7 P—Q 4
8 P×B	8 P×B
9 Q—K 2	9 Q—Q 6
10 R—K 1	10 Q×Q

....This is given in note 15, p. 300 in *Handbuch*. Of course P—B 4 is better, but there does not seem a clear win after 11 Kt—Q 2, Castles; 12 Kt×Kt,

P×Kt; 13 Q×P, B—B 4; 14 Q×Q, owing to Bishops of opposite colours, although Black has the easier game to play. The line in note, if correct, would, therefore, deserve the preference.

11 R×Q 11 B—B 4
 12 P—K Kt 4

The *Handbuch* gives Kt—B 3, Castles Q R. The argument is 13 Kt×Kt, R—Q 8 ch; 14 (if) Kt—K 1, Kt—Q 5. But 12 P—K Kt 4 puts quite a different aspect on the game, as if B—Kt 3, White may continue Kt—B 3 and escape with King at Kt 2 in reply to the check.

NEWS FROM THE BRITISH ISLES

Semi-final of the English County Championship.—This match between Yorkshire and Warwickshire took place at the Albany Hotel, Sheffield, on October 10th. The proceedings were characterised by all the well-known hospitality of the Northern county, and the Midlands put up a good fight with the team they took (not quite their best, as is ever the case for the travelling side). A. J. Mackenzie held his ground steadily and effected a good draw with the British champion.

Yorkshire by winning have qualified to meet Middlesex in the final on December 12th. This match will be played at Leeds.

Score :—

YORKSHIRE.				WARWICKSHIRE.			
1	H. E. Atkins	1		A. J. Mackenzie	1		
2	C. R. Gurnhill	1		F. G. Butcher	0		
3	T. A. Staynes	1		A. F. Kallaway	1		
4	G. W. Moses	1		A. R. Chamberlain	0		
5	W. Atkinson	1		E. B. Conway	0		
6	E. Dale	0		J. J. Spence	1		
7	P. Wenman	1		G. H. Edwards	0		
8	F. Schofield	1		F. V. Dix	1		
9	H. W. Hodgkinson	1		R. Filkin	1		
10	W. H. Sparkes	1		P. C. Littlejohn	1		
11	M. Jackson	1		J. W. Wilder	1		
12	H. H. Clarke	1		P. Allender	0		
13	E. J. Griffith	1		T. Bray	1		
14	C. E. Wenyon	1		H. G. Mitchell	1		
15	F. A. Amies	0		R. H. Bridgwater	1		
16	S. Leader	1		R. A. Tayar	1		
9½				6½			

Warwickshire had the white pieces on the odd-numbered boards

Bedfordshire visited Hertfordshire at St. Albans and lost by 3½—12½, as follows :

HERTFORDSHIRE.				BEDFORDSHIRE.			
1	G. P. Richards	1		R. H. Rushton	0		
2	Sir Edgar Wigram	1		S. W. Dickens	0		
3	A. G. Fellows	0		F. Dickens	1		
4	G. T. Womack	1		C. Loton	0		
5	E. J. Fairchild	1		L. H. Knight	1		
6	Major Montague Jones	0		J. Thorburn	1		
7	P. Clarkson	1		E. Currant	0		
8	P. J. Read	1		J. Needham	0		
9	R. E. Webb	0		G. L. White	1		
10	Miss A. E. Hooke	1		W. Moody	0		
11	C. K. Trotter	1		A. B. Oliver	0		
12	E. H. Martin	1		E. How	0		
13	E. G. Attenborough	1		Major Wingfield	0		
14	A. H. Knight	1		Roland Hill	0		
15	C. T. Alderton	1		T. W. Bate	0		
16	E. N. Fox	1		J. T. Goddard	0		
12½				3½			

Southern Counties Chess Union and Montague Jones Cup Competition.—Two matches, each counting for both the above, were played on Saturday, 24th October. Hampshire beat Dorsetshire at Bournemouth by 14 to 2, the full score being as follows:—

HAMPSHIRE.			DORSETSHIRE.		
1	J. H. Blake	.. .. .	1	E. L. Raymond	.. .. .
2	F. J. Elwell	.. .. .	2	W. H. Curtis	.. .. .
3	A. Hayes	.. .. .	3	Capt. R. F. Bowles	.. .. .
4	H. D. Lloyd	.. .. .	4	D. H. Napper	.. .. .
5	F. A. Joyce	.. .. .	5	L. L. Adams	.. .. .
6	C. T. Bennett	.. .. .	6	Capt. P. H. di Marco	.. .. .
7	H. A. Way	.. .. .	7	W. T. Wilkinson	.. .. .
8	W. J. Fry	.. .. .	8	W. B. Matthews	.. .. .
9	J. S. West	.. .. .	9	P. Ward	.. .. .
10	H. D. Osborn	.. .. .	10	B. Griffin	.. .. .
11	Rev. E. Wells	.. .. .	11	By Default	.. .. .
12	R. R. Cooper	.. .. .	12	W. S. Clarke	.. .. .
13	F. G. Binning	.. .. .	13	W. Michener	.. .. .
14	Rev. A. R. Witt	.. .. .	14	W. J. Ibbett	.. .. .
15	G. Trubridge	.. .. .	15	J. Irish	.. .. .
16	Brig.-Gen. F. Muspratt	.. .. .	16	By Default	.. .. .
14			2		

Southern Counties Union Championship.—Two matches have been played in each of which Kent took part. Against Sussex on October 3rd they failed to show much form, but in their fixture with Surrey at St. Bride's on October 10th, they showed up to great advantage, drawing the match with a score of 10 all.

This is their best effort against Surrey since 1912, the only time they have ever beaten their formidable rivals in the championship and is the first drawn match in fifteen contests. Score:—

KENT.			SURREY.		
1	G. E. McCanlis	.. .. .	1	T. H. Robertson	.. .. .
2	O. C. Muller	.. .. .	2	R. P. Michell	.. .. .
3	J. C. Waterman	.. .. .	3	W. Gooding	.. .. .
4	N. B. Holmes	.. .. .	4	F. F. L. Alexander	.. .. .
5	R. C. Noel Johnson	.. .. .	5	G. Wernick	.. .. .
6	W. B. Dixon	.. .. .	6	L. P. Rees	.. .. .
7	W. M. Brooke	.. .. .	7	H. C. Griffiths	.. .. .
8	C. H. Lorch	.. .. .	8	J. Butland	.. .. .
9	G. Tregaskis	.. .. .	9	G. A. Felce	.. .. .
10	H. Storr Best	.. .. .	10	W. P. Plummer	.. .. .
11	C. E. Taylor	.. .. .	11	C. F. Cornwall	.. .. .
12	Major Sir Richard Barnett	.. .. .	12	H. G. Felce	.. .. .
13	G. Hanson	.. .. .	13	W. L. Brierley	.. .. .
14	J. Sargent	.. .. .	14	A. J. Spencer	.. .. .
15	G. O. Pratt	.. .. .	15	P. W. Rampton	.. .. .
16	Stuart Hodgson	.. .. .	16	P. Howell	.. .. .
17	F. W. Chambers	.. .. .	17	R. H. Birch	.. .. .
18	S. G. Duffell	.. .. .	18	G. E. Smith	.. .. .
19	H. Vine	.. .. .	19	Dr. F. St. J. Steadman	.. .. .
20	S. P. Lees	.. .. .	20	Carus Collier	.. .. .
10			10		

The following bright little game was played at Board 5 :—

GAME No. 5561.

WHITE		BLACK		WHITE		BLACK	
R. C. NOEL-JOHNSON		G. WERNICK		K. C. NOEL-JOHNSON		G. WERNICK	
(Kent)		(Surrey)		(Kent)		(Surrey)	
1	P—Q 4	1	Kt—K B 3	11	Q×B	11	Castles
2	P—Q B 4	2	P—K 4	12	B—Q 3	12	Q—K 2
3	P×P	3	Kt—Kt 5	13	P—K R 4	13	P—K R 4
4	P—K 4	4	Kt×K P	14	P—K Kt 4	14	P×P
5	P—B 4	5	Kt—Kt 3	15	P—R 5!	15	Kt—R 1
6	Kt—K B 3	6	Kt—B 3	16	P—R 6!	16	P—Kt 3
7	B—K 3	7	B—Kt 5 ch	17	P—R 7 ch	17	K—Kt 2
8	Q Kt—Q 2	8	Q—K 2	18	P—B 5	18	P×Kt
9	P—Q R 3?!	9	Q×K P	19	B—R 6 ch	19	Resigns
10	K—B 2	10	B×Kt				

On the 9th move White gave up a Pawn for the attack and eventually won the game, but it is not certain that the sacrifice was sound. Black considers it was his 13th move which proved immediately fatal and thought afterwards that P—K B 4 would have given him a better game.

The match between Sussex and Kent was a big affair, as 100 players on each side took part. It was played at Hastings, where the Pier Authorities had generously placed the large

Pavilion at the disposal of the chess officials, and thus play took place over the salt water. The first sixteen boards gave Sussex a win in the championship by 10½ to 5½.

The first fifty boards counted for the Amboyna shield competition and Sussex notched their first win in this event to the tune of 29½ to 20½, a good result, as Kent were well represented. The seacoast county took the complete match by 61 to 39.

This convincing win was most encouraging to the three newly-elected Sussex officers, two of whom we have pleasure in portraying. The third, the Rev. E. Griffiths, of Lewes (match captain), is too well known for further introduction and has changed little since his photo appeared in the *B.C.M.* over fifteen years ago.



G. D. SELF
Hon. Secretary,
Sussex Chess Association, 1925-6

G. D. Self, the new secretary, has youth on his side and has made a most promising start in his difficult task of succeeding so excellent a secretary as Dr. W. Mansergh Varley.

SUSSEX.

1	G. F. H. Packer	..	..	..	I
2	G. M. Norman	..	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$
3	J. A. J. Drewitt	..	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$
4	E. G. Reed	..	..	..	0
5	R. E. Lean	..	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$
6	Castle Leaver	..	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$
7	Rev. E. Griffiths	..	..	..	I
8	J. Storr-Best	..	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$
9	H. E. Dobell	..	..	..	I
10	J. H. Jones	..	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$
11	Dr. R. Dunstan	..	..	..	I
12	H. L. Crawford	..	..	..	I
13	J. A. Watt	..	..	..	I
14	C. F. Chapman	..	..	..	0
15	Miss V. Menchik	..	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$
16	G. V. Butler	..	..	..	I

KENT.

G. E. McCanlis	..	..	..	..	0
O. C. Muller	..	..	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$
N. B. Holmes	..	..	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$
E. Creswell	..	..	..	..	I
R. C. Noel-Johnson	..	..	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$
C. Chapman	..	..	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$
H. Storr-Best	..	..	..	..	0
C. Hammond	..	..	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$
C. H. Lorch	..	..	..	..	0
W. M. Brooke	..	..	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$
B. W. Hamilton	..	..	..	..	0
G. Hanson	..	..	..	..	0
Major Sir R. W. Barnett	..	..	..	..	0
G. Tregaskis	..	..	..	..	I
W. H. Dobinson	..	..	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$
C. F. Corke	..	..	..	..	0

Total for S.C.C.U. champ. 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ 5 $\frac{1}{2}$

17	Dr. W. M. Varley	..	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$
18	C. J. A. Wade	..	..	..	I
19	A. Emery	..	..	..	I
20	W. H. King	..	..	..	0
21	E. G. Taylor	..	..	..	0
22	E. J. Merrill	..	..	..	0
23	P. J. Penney	..	..	..	I
24	J. Chandler	..	..	..	I
25	Capt. J. R. Green	..	..	..	0
26	Miss Ruchon	..	..	..	0
27	H. V. Bonham	..	..	..	0
28	H. W. Butler	..	..	..	I
29	E. S. Ward	..	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$
30	E. E. Stockens	..	..	..	I
31	F. Thompson	..	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$
32	W. Beattie	..	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$
33	T. R. Kirkpatrick	..	..	..	I
34	T. Moody	..	..	..	I
35	T. Hamilton Miller	..	..	..	I
36	Rev. C. D. Bolland	..	..	..	0
37	S. Hunt	..	..	..	0
38	Hon. F. G. Hamilton-Russell	..	..	..	0
39	A. E. Smith	..	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$
40	W. E. Hollingdale	..	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$
41	G. E. Smith	..	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$
42	D. H. Caw	..	..	..	I
43	A. T. Watson	..	..	..	I
44	A. J. Glyde	..	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$
45	E. R. Willett	..	..	..	0
46	A. Harvey Jones	..	..	..	I
47	A. B. Goodfellow	..	..	..	0
48	G. C. B. Gipps	..	..	..	I
49	Miss Musgrave	..	..	..	I
50	J. W. Dannahay	..	..	..	I

R. H. S. Stevenson	..	..	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$
J. Sargent	..	..	..	..	0
G. O. Pratt	..	..	..	..	0
Mrs. Stevenson	..	..	..	..	1
Mrs. Holloway	..	..	..	..	I
H. E. Tudor	..	..	..	..	I
D. W. Earle	..	..	..	..	0
J. S. Hodgson	..	..	..	..	0
L. F. Papé	..	..	..	..	I
E. L. Nickels	..	..	..	..	I
L. W. Dodds	..	..	..	..	I
R. Spitz	..	..	..	..	0
F. W. Chambers	..	..	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$
E. S. Tinsley	..	..	..	..	0
F. C. Papé	..	..	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$
H. M. Rayner	..	..	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$
R. H. le Pelley	..	..	..	..	0
S. G. Duffell	..	..	..	..	0
R. D. Gillon-Fergusson	..	..	..	..	0
G. K. Nuttall	..	..	..	..	I
S. P. Lees	..	..	..	..	I
E. Marchant	..	..	..	..	I
F. J. Dennis	..	..	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$
Dr. N. Grace	..	..	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$
C. H. Taylor	..	..	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$
Prof. R. W. Genese	..	..	..	..	0
C. J. Ranger	..	..	..	..	0
N. Rhys	..	..	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$
W. B. Robinson	..	..	..	..	I
B. W. Penson	..	..	..	..	0
Rev. W. J. Torrance	..	..	..	..	I
Miss E. E. Abraham	..	..	..	..	0
Miss Cotton	..	..	..	..	0
C. R. Oxley	..	..	..	..	0

Total for Amboyna Shield 29 $\frac{1}{2}$ 20 $\frac{1}{2}$ Boards 51—100 31 $\frac{1}{2}$ 18 $\frac{1}{2}$

Total 61

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Surrey County Chess Association.—The forty-second annual meeting of the Association was held on Saturday, October 3rd, 1925,

at the St. Bride Institute, London, G. A. Felce (the president) taking the chair in the presence of nearly fifty members.

The Report for the past year showed that the Association had held its own in contest with other counties, and had gained the championship of England for the third time in its career. The Accounts showed a satisfactory position, and both were approved by the meeting.

The trophies, prizes and medals were presented to the representatives of the successful clubs and to the individual players who had distinguished themselves in the year's competitions.

The officers for the year 1925-26 were elected as follows: President, G. A. Felce; secretary and treasurer, F. F. L. Alexander, 8 Longstone Road, London, S.W.17; assistant secretaries, E. Fletcher and A. Curnock; match secretary, G. Wernick; assistant match secretary, W. P. Plummer; representative for West Surrey, W. J. Williams.

The entries for the coming winter's club events were as under:—

Surrey Trophy: Battersea, Brixton, Streatham, Sutton, Thames Valley, Thornton Heath, Wallington.

Alexander Cup: Battersea, Brixton, Caterham, Thames Valley, Thornton Heath, West Surrey.

Beaumont Cup: Caterham, Clapham Common, Dorking, Byfleet, Guildford.

Waechter Shield: Byfleet, Dorking, Guildford.

At the termination of business, refreshments were served. Then followed a lightning tournament for which there were twenty-four entries. The prize winners were: 1st, R. P. Michell; 2nd, H. C. Griffiths; 3rd, G. A. Felce; 4th, F. H. O. Jerram; 5th, F. Vincent.

Hertfordshire Chess Association.—Features of the annual meeting, held at St. Albans on September 26th, of this Association, were glowing tributes paid to the work of the president, Major E. Montague Jones, and hon. secretary, W. Hatton Ward, in the interests of chess. Both were unanimously re-elected, and A. G. Fellows was again chosen match captain; Sir Edgar Wigram and E. G. Attenborough were appointed delegates to the S.C.C.U.

The club championship cup was presented to the St. Albans C.C., who narrowly defeated Welwyn Garden City in the final, and the individual championship cup passed to the keeping of G. P. A. Richards of New Barnet, by virtue of his win against Sir Edgar Wigram. Clubs from Waltham and Chesham and Letchworth Garden City were admitted, bringing up the total of affiliated clubs to twelve.

The secretary reported receipts amounting to £29 3s. 6d. and a credit balance of £7 6s., both figures being a record, upon which the officials were heartily congratulated. There is every prospect of a successful season in the Southern Counties championship and Montague Jones cup competitions.

The W. W. White Memorial Tournament.—In order to commemorate the unique services rendered to the cause of chess by the late W. W. White, Kent County Chess Association have decided

to institute a new annual fixture to take the form of a quadrangular contest between teams of players representing East, Mid, West and Metropolitan Kent.

In the first round of the tournament the four areas will be paired by chance, involving two matches, the winners of which will meet in a third and final match to decide the tournament.

There will be a permanent trophy, the cost of which is being raised by subscription from members of the Association. This will be held from year to year by the club in the winning area which has contributed the largest number of points to the victory of the team, and each year the name of the winning area will be engraved upon the trophy at the expense of the Association.

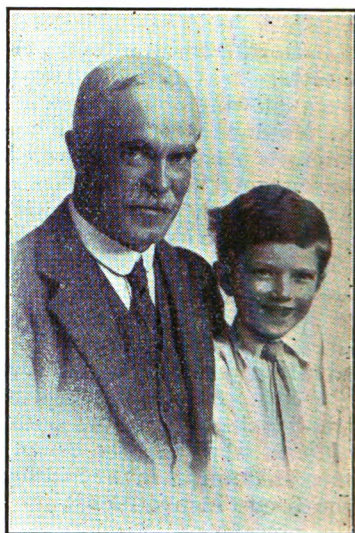
Teams will consist of 30—50 players and matches will take place in May and June of each year.

Any admirer of Mr. White's who wishes to associate himself with this, may send a donation to J. W. G. Jamieson, 20 Lismore Road, Croydon.

Hastings Christmas Chess Congress.—Arrangements are now being completed for the sixth annual Christmas Chess Congress at Hastings, which will commence on Monday evening, 28th December, the last rounds being played on Tuesday morning, 5th January. In addition to the Premier tournament, limited to one section of ten players (by invitation), there will be a Major Open tournament, also First, Second and Third Class tournaments, all of which will be arranged in complete sections of ten players each. Full particulars will be available shortly on application to Allan F. Kidney, hon. secretary, Hastings and St. Leonards Chess Club, 7 Carlisle Parade, Hastings.

Allan F. Kidney has been elected hon. secretary of Hastings Chess Club, and he readily admits it is an honour to serve an organisation with such a world-wide reputation for chess enterprise. At the same time the members consider themselves fortunate in having secured his services. He is a man of cosmopolitan tastes, has travelled extensively and lost all insularity, and is genial and painstaking in the work he undertakes.

His ability will be put to a veritable test at the forthcoming Hastings Christmas congress.



ALLAN F. KIDNEY
Hon. Sec., Hastings Chess Club,
1925-6, with his son aged 13, the
youngest member of the club.

Chess Activity at Ramsgate.—B. Lohmann has started a club in his school and a membership of fifty has already resulted. Some of the boys are quite useful players.

The Ramsgate Club is admitting all juniors at a nominal fee of 2/6 for the season. Miss Crowdy, the vice-president, has presented a cup for annual Competition among the senior members.

The Hon. Esmond Harmsworth, M.P., has accepted the presidency.

Crowborough Chess Club.—A most successful meeting was held in A. T. Mockett's Rooms, The Broadway, Crowborough, on Friday last, September 18th, to discuss plans for forming a chess club at Crowborough. It was numerously attended, and at the close of the meeting over twenty names were obtained of those present who wished to become members of the newly-formed club.

The Hon. F. G. Hamilton-Russell was elected to the chair, and was most ably assisted in the preliminary work by W. H. Martyn, who has done yeoman work in connection with the formation of the club, and by whose efforts its existence has been brought about. It was decided to play in the rooms kindly provided by Mr. Mockett for the purpose, and the club will meet on every Tuesday and Friday from 2-30 to 10 p.m. from the beginning of October till the end of April next year. The subscription is 5/- per annum, and it is hoped that residents in the locality and others interested in chess, desirous of joining will communicate with the hon. secretary, Mr. Cro.

The officers of the club and the committee are as follows : President, Hon F. G. Hamilton-Russell ; vice-presidents, Hon. Osmond Scott, W. Smalley ; hon. secretary, W. E. Cro ; hon. treasurer, H. L. Boyd ; committee, R. Gaston, T. A. Lever, W. H. Martyn, W. Paynter and P. F. Playfoot.

Notable absentees in the Gastineau (championship) tournament of the City of London Chess Club for 1925-26 are Sir G. A. Thomas, who is visiting Canada with a Badminton team, and P. W. Sergeant, who is going on a short trip to India. The draw for the first round is : V. Buerger *v.* H. S. Barlow, J. M. Bee *v.* H. Saunders, J. P. Savage *v.* R. C. J. Walker, R. P. Michell *v.* V. L. Wahltuch, H. Jacobs *v.* J. H. Blake, H. B. Uber *v.* F. F. L. Alexander, M. E. Goldstein *v.* E. T. Jesty, E. G. Sergeant *v.* W. Gooding.

F. D. Yates has been giving some simultaneous displays lately. At Crowborough he won 18 and drew 1 out of 19 ; at Caterham he conceded 3 draws in a field of 21 ; while at Streatham he won 17 and drew 2. No one succeeded in beating him at any of the seances.

The annual meeting of the Leeds Chess Association was held at the Leeds Institute on Thursday, September 24th, Sir Edwin Airey, the president of the Association, taking the chair.

The secretary reported that during last season the Association had conducted the Leeds Chess League in three divisions. The winner s

of the first division were Farsley, with Leeds University a good second. Division "B" was won by the Quebec Club and a team from the Leeds Club won Division "C." It was decided that the tournament should continue in three divisions as heretofore.

During his presidential remarks, Sir Edwin Airey referred to his own strong interest in chess and regretted that he was unable to take as active a part in the play of the Leeds Club as he would like. So keen, however, was his interest, that if he has been unable to go out of an evening he has played a game with a friend over the telephone.

Sir Edwin was re-elected president for the ensuing season, and G. White of the Leeds Y.M.C.A. Club was elected secretary and treasurer on the retirement of J. Croysdale from that office.

Another Yorkshire League.—The city of Bradford has formed a chess league for the coming season, to which six teams have been entered: Bradford, Keighley, Burley, Farsley, Horton Grange and Thornton.

Birmingham.—The annual meeting of the City C.C. was held on October 12th, at the Cobden Hotel, Mr. Nasmith presiding. H. W. Clark was elected the new president, Mr. Spencer vice-president, F. G. Butcher captain, and his son, C. G. Butcher, a rising player, hon. secretary. Prizes for best scores in three divisions of the league last season were awarded to C. G. Butcher, G. E. Bingley Bibb and Spencer.

On Friday, September 11th, E. Znosko-Borovsky gave a display at Birmingham Y.M.C.A. against 20 players, losing 1 (to G. H. Edwards), drawing 9 (insufficient time to play some of these out), and winning 10.

At Tunbridge Wells on September 19th he won 16, drew 2 and lost 1, to L. F. Papé, champion of the club.

Annual Meetings.—Now is the time when all clubs, leagues and associations are re-organising for the forthcoming season, and we desire to sincerely thank those secretaries who have sent us cuttings referring to these meetings.

In the North, W. J. Atherton (hon. secretary, Lancaster) sends the news that S. Keir has been elected president. As that gentleman has also won the North Lancashire championship and has also agreed to edit the chess column in the *Lancaster Guardian*, his enthusiasm will be apparent to all.

The retiring president, A. C. Haines, won the club tournament, and some very nice things were said about the interest he always took in the club.

Coming to the South, J. W. H. Saybourne informs us that the thirty-third annual general meeting of the West London Chess Club was held at the Club Headquarters, Hampshire House, Hog Lane W.6, on September 28th, R. Eastman, the president, in the chair.

Reviewing the events of the past twelve months, the match captain W. H. Regan, informed the company present that the club had tied with the Lud-Eagle Club for third place in the "A" Division of the London League inter-club competition, with a score of ten, half a point below the second prize winner.

E. T. Jesty, besides scoring premier points in the league matches, had for the sixth year in succession, carried off the championship of the club, W. S. Wallis being runner-up, and the Eastman cup fell to Fred T. Downey.

The club caters for all classes, members under 21 are admitted at a reduced subscription of 5/-, and many more players can be accommodated at the comfortable quarters at Hampshire House.

From the North London Chess Club comes the following: This old-established club held its fifty-fifth annual meeting on September 24th, 1925. The club had taken fifth place in the "A" Division of the London League, winning 8, drawing, 2, and losing 3 matches. A team had also competed in the "C" Division, in which 3 matches had been won and 6 lost. Now that the club is established in its comfortable and commodious new headquarters at the Library Hall, Church Street, Stoke Newington, N.16, a considerable influx of new members is anticipated. The new hon. secretary, L. Klein, 44 Downs Park Road, Hackney, E.8, will be pleased to answer enquiries, or to welcome visitors on Monday evenings at the Library Hall.

Turning to N. Wales we note the doings of the Colwyn Bay Club. The annual meeting of the above club was held at the Club Headquarters, the Café Royal, Station Road, Colwyn Bay, on Thursday evening, September 24th, with J. B. C. Kershaw in the chair.

The hon. secretary, Ll. Lloyd, reported that the membership of the club had been maintained at 36 during the year.

The Major Handicap tournament carried on by the club during the winter season had been won by E. D. Rowland, the club captain, who will therefore hold the Lord Colwyn trophy (a massive silver King) for the next twelve months. H. Taylor was the runner-up in this tournament; Dr. J. C. Eames was the winner of the first prize in the second tournament played after Christmas, while H. E. Greenfield won a special prize in the same tournament presented by J. Gresley Jones.

The following officers were elected for the season 1925-26: President, Lord Colwyn; chairman, Dr. J. B. Eames; hon. secretary, Ll. Lloyd; hon. treasurer, J. B. C. Kershaw.

It was decided that the Thursday meetings of the club, up to Christmas, should commence at 4-30 instead of 6-30, for the benefit of some of the older members.

In order to encourage the admission of juniors under 18 years of age it was decided to reduce the subscription in their case to 2/6,

and to run a special tournament for their benefit, for which Gresley Jones had offered a prize.

The London Commercial Chess League.—The entries for this progressive and well-managed competition are as follows : 1. Anglo-Mex ; 2. C. T. Bowring & Co., Ltd. (Bowring's) ; 3. *Lloyds (Royal Exchange) ; 4. *C. & E. Morton, Ltd. (Morton's) ; 5. Motor Union Insurance Co., Ltd. (Motor Union) ; 6. *Nestle & Anglo Swiss Condensed Milk Co., Ltd. (Nestanglo) ; 7. Royal Mail Steam Packet Co. (R.M.S.P.) ; 8. *Sedgwick Collins & Co., Ltd. (Sedgwick Collins) ; 9. St. Helens Court (Oil Group) ; 10. *Shell Mex ; 11. *Willis Faber & Co., Ltd. (Cornhill).

This season a second division has been arranged and will be entered for by second teams of each of the above-mentioned clubs marked with an asterisk.

It will be remembered that the cup for the first division was given by C. D. Morton. A trophy for the newly-formed second division will be provided by two of the vice-presidents of the league, J. A. Miles (director of Shell Mex Petroleum Co., and H. K. E. Ostle (sub manager of the Motor Union Insurance Co., Ltd.).

The league was commenced last season by the present secretary, R. W. Baylis, of Morton's Chess Club, and much of the success which has attended the venture is due to his businesslike methods.



R. W. BAYLIS, Hon. Sec.
London Commercial Chess League.

London Chess League Results.—West London won their first two matches by beating Leyton 12½—7½, and Athenaeum 12—8. North London also notched two points by victories over Brixton 11—9 and Bohemians 11½—8½. Battersea beat Wood Green 14—6 and Lud-Eagle beat Islington 12—8.

The Golders Green Chess Club was constituted at a meeting held at the Golders Green Club on the 29th September. W. H. Mitchell, of 26 Gainsborough Gardens, was elected president, and Lieut.-Col. B. S. Browne, of 14 Meadway, secretary. The club will meet for play every Monday evening at the Golders Green Club at 8 p.m.

The subscription was fixed at 5s. a year, and the entrance fee at 5s. Beginners are especially welcome.

Imperial Chess Club Ladies v. Chigwell School, on Wednesday, October 21st, at Chigwell, Essex.

IMPERIAL LADIES.				CHIGWELL SCHOOL.			
1	Miss Cotton	..	0	V. Soanes	..	1	
2	Miss Andrews	..	1	J. Eve	..	0	
3	Miss L. Eveling	..	0	J. Waddington	..	1	
4	Mrs. Chase	..	1	H. Goodhart	..	0	
5	and 6 Mrs. Stevenson	..	2	A. R. Collins and K. Goldie	..	0	
(played two simultaneously)							
7	Mrs. Fitzgerald	..	0	O. C. Papineau	..	1	
8	Miss Spencer	..	1	P. A. Crow	..	0	
5				3			

Hampstead v. Rest of Middlesex.—An interesting match between the champions of the London Chess League and the Rest of Middlesex, intended to be a trial match for the coming season, was played at Stanfield House, Hampstead. Both sides were strongly represented. Hampstead only having V. Buerger and P. W. Sergeant away, and Middlesex missing E. G. Sergeant and H. Saunders. A very close match was won by Hampstead, who thus repeated their victory in 1919. Details:—

HAMPSTEAD.				REST OF MIDDLESEX.			
1	J. H. Blake (White)	..	0	B. E. Siegheim	..	1	
2	M. E. Goldstein	..	1	W. H. Regan	..	0	
3	W. Winter	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	J. Birnberg	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	
4	A. E. Mercer	..	1	Dr. F. S. Duncan	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	
5	E. Bonwick	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	J. W. Morling	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	
6	Garnet James	..	1	C. E. Ford	..	0	
7	G. W. Richmond	..	1	F. W. Boff	..	0	
8	R. C. Griffith	..	0	J. H. Morrison	..	1	
9	R. F. Goldstein	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	G. P. Kitchener	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	
10	J. du Mont	..	1	A. M. Ewbank	..	0	
11	W. H. Watts	..	1	W. Jones	..	0	
12	E. J. Randall	..	1	E. Billen	..	0	
13	E. T. Bangert	..	0	K. G. Jayne	..	1	
14	E. Williams	..	0	D. Mackay	..	1	
15	Mrs. Holloway	..	0	S. Meymott	..	1	
16	T. S. Dawn	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	W. S. Wallis	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	
17	E. M. Jellie	..	1	G. Devine	..	0	
18	W. W. Broughan	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	C. E. Simon	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	
19	C. E. P. Brooks	..	0	T. E. Cadby	..	1	
20	L. James	..	0	F. Artis	..	1	
21	P. B. Botcherby	..	1	A. A. Kennedy	..	0	
22	F. L. Hall	..	1	G. A. Wilcox	..	0	
23	Miss Chater	..	0	M. Savage	..	1	
24	G. B. Quennell	..	0	A. C. Sutton	..	1	
25	W. O. Hall	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	R. C. Pritchard	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	
26	T. R. Ffoukes	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	S. B. Dawes	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	
27	P. H. Cohen	..	0	J. C. A. Eastman	..	1	
28	R. J. Minns	..	1	Dr. Fergie Woods	..	0	
29	Rev. F. O'D. Hoare	..	1	G. W. Johnson	..	0	
30	H. Blaikley	..	1	H. R. Bowtell	..	0	

Welsh Border League.—The 1925-26 season is now in full swing and everything points to a very successful season. The constituent clubs are : Blaina, Brynmawr, Bargoed, Merthyr, Nantyglo, Tredegar and Oakdale. The winners of last year's competition were Blaina, one of the oldest-established clubs in Wales.

The officers of the league for season 1925-26 are : W. Yemm (Nantyglo), chairman ; D. J. Jones (Blaina), secretary and treasurer.

Results to date : Merthyr beat Nantyglo $5\frac{1}{2}$ — $1\frac{1}{2}$; Blaina beat Nantyglo 6—1 ; Tredegar beat Bargoed $5\frac{1}{2}$ — $1\frac{1}{2}$.

The Edinburgh Ladies' Chess Club celebrated their twenty-first anniversary at the Club Rooms, 20 Rutland Square, on Monday afternoon, October 19th, when there was a large gathering. The president, Miss S. E. S. Mair, LL.D., gave an interesting account of the origin of chess, and also sketched the career of the club since its opening on October 19th, 1904. She referred to the founders of the Club, to those who had passed away, to some who were still with them, and expressed their indebtedness to several men chessplayers who had assisted with lectures and instruction from time to time. At the close of her speech, Miss Mair, who alone had held the office of president of the club, was presented with a silver bowl, on which was a suitable inscription, a copy of a Traprain silver bowl. The presentation of a handsome fur motor rug was made to Miss Malcolm in recognition of her services as hon. secretary and treasurer of the club, since its foundation.

Our colleague Philip W. Sergeant, sailed by the s.s. *Ranpura* on a three months' trip to India with H.H. the Gaekwar of Baroda. He hopes to resume his duties as editor of "News from the Dominions and Foreign Lands" in February next.

In a review of *The Letters of Thomas Manning to Charles Lamb* J. C. Squire wrote in *The Observer* of October 18th :—

This book is part of the "literary remains" of the late Mrs. Gertrude Anderson, who died last year at forty-nine. Mrs. Anderson (at one time known in another sphere as British lady chess champion) was one of the most remarkable women of her time : a profound scholar in literary and biographical history, whose prodigious love of detail and accuracy was unaccompanied by the slightest tinge of pedantry—when indeed with a delightful vivacity and an exquisite zest for the finest shades of beauty and humour. For many years before her death she had been making collections with a view to a complete edition of surviving letters to and from Charles Lamb. That work, I believe, will still be rounded off and published as her monument ; the present little book is, as it were a by-product. All her knowledge could never have been got into any book.

The Portsmouth Chess Club held its thirty-sixth annual meeting on Thursday, October 1st, at the club's premises, 84 Palmerston Road, Southsea. E. Clayton, B.A., was again elected president and J. S. West, H. D. Osborn and H. A. Way, vice-presidents. W. H. Pratten was elected hon. secretary.

The club held a most active and enjoyable season, no less than six tournaments being held during the year. A. Hayes won the championship once again, followed by W. H. Pratten, who might have done better had he played more consistently against the lowest players. G. N. Fletcher won the Minor championship and the handicap tournament. W. H. Pratten will be remembered as the Hastings boy champion, 1924-25.

On October 21st, F. D. Yates played twenty members of the second to fifth classes of the City of London Chess Club, winning seventeen games and drawing the remaining four.

Mrs. Arthur Rawson, president, Imperial Chess Club, gave a luncheon party at the Ladies' Athenæum Club on Thursday, for Señor Capablanca (the World's champion). Amongst those invited were His Eminence Cardinal Bourne, and Monsignor Coote, Viscount Ullswater, Capt. the Hon. A. Lowther, Major Sir Richard Barnett, M.P., Dr. and Mrs. Graham Little, C. D. Locock, Sir Edgar Wigram, Bart., Lady Margaret Hamilton-Russell, Hon. F. G. Hamilton-Russell, J. F. Chance, the Misses Chance, Mr. and Mrs. Stevenson, Mr. Mejer (Cuban Consul), Mr. Wreford-Brown, Sir Thomas and Lady Richardson, Mr. Streatfeild, Mrs. Latham, Col. McDonald, Mr. and Mrs. Erskine Barrett and others.

After lunch they visited the Imperial Chess Club, 62 Brook Street. Kriegspiel was played in the afternoon.

There has been a considerable increase in the membership of the club since the opening of the season.

Señor Capablanca was in London from October 19th to 25th and had a busy time visiting all his friends. As he had to leave for Moscow earlier than was anticipated, it became impossible for him to give any displays. Many clubs, however, sent enquiries, and there is no doubt the champion would be warmly welcomed if he ever again makes a prolonged stay in this country. He visited the Gambit (Budge Row, E.C.) once or twice and indulged in several rubbers of bridge, of which game he is also a master.

The editor of *L'Echiquier* has kindly sent us a copy of his new booklet, *Le Tournoi d'Echecs de Paris* 1925. It is got up in the excellent style which makes *L'Echiquier* so fine a production. The brochure runs to fifty-six pages of large printing, easily read. Pictures of Alekhine, Tartakover and Goetz form a pleasing relief from the letterpress. The whole of the games played by the five masters

(Alekhine, Tartakover, Colle, Opocensky and Znosko-Borovsky) are given, exhaustively annotated, and with many diagrams. Copies can be obtained from the editor *L'Echiquier*, 44 rue Ernest Laude, Brussels, Belgium, but the price (if any) is not mentioned anywhere.

C. B. Heath, who has been for years identified with the Dundee Chess Club, and who won the championship of Scotland in 1924, has taken up an appointment in the city of his birth—London. He will be greatly missed in the North as he is a strong and original player.

British Chess Federation.—The final result of the county correspondence championship is now determined. The winner is Lancashire with 20 points. The other competing counties finishing in the following order:—

2—Surrey	19	10—Hertfordshire	14½
Sussex	19	Warwickshire	14½
4—Hampshire	17½	Worcestershire	14½
5—Middlesex	17	13—Berkshire	13
6—Devonshire	16½	Somersetshire	13
7—Kent	16	15—Cornwall	12
Yorkshire	16	16—Glasgow County	11½
6—Cheshire	15½	South Wales	11
		18—Cumberland	9½

Entries for the 1926 contest have to be sent to L. P. Rees, the Federation secretary, by November 1st.

On the East coast, Reginald E. Draycott writes that the annual meeting of the Lynn and District Chess Club was held at the Globe Hotel on Friday evening, October 2nd, when R. B. Walker presided, and before the business was proceeded with, paid a tribute to the memory of the late James Brown, who was an old member of the club, and a vote of sympathy with the family was passed, the members standing in silence.

Dr. W. B. Wedgwood was re-elected president, and Canon Eeles and A. C. K. Sheppard vice-presidents; committee, A. Beechey, L. Blanchflower, T. H. Newton, R. B. Walker and R. H. Bolton. The auditor (A. L. Tassell) and the secretary (R. E. Draycott) were unanimously re-elected, and both were thanked for their past services. It was agreed to accept the offer of the Globe Hotel for a meeting room and to again run a championship tournament.

At the close of the proceedings the championship cup was presented to T. H. Newton.

In the annual report of the Norfolk and Norwich C.C. it states that the championship tournament was reinstated after having been allowed to lapse for a number of years, and was won by H. P. Coulton, E. Lake being second.

The usual Handicap tourney was held. Result: 1st, W. S. Daws 2nd, A. T. Cannell.

The Summer event took the form of a Queen's Gambit tourney, for which there was quite a good entry. 1st, H. P. Coulton; 2nd, W. S. Daws; 3rd, E. Lake.

A correspondence match was played with the Hull Club which was lost by a narrow margin.

In the league competition the club was again successful in obtaining first place.

John Keeble has been a member of the club for nearly fifty years. He is a famed player locally and as a chess problemist his reputation is world-wide. The members determined to memorialise Mr. Keeble in his lifetime, and on a special evening they assembled in large numbers to do their respected member honour by unveiling a framed photograph of himself, which was hung in the clubroom.

Through the kindness of J. Keeble this room has been thoroughly renovated and made more habitable.

It would be a very great help to the editors of this magazine if those of our supporters who have not yet sent their subscription for 1925 would kindly do so now. Our policy of never cutting off a subscriber till he writes and requests us to do so is well known and widely appreciated: we shall continue this custom. As the year is now drawing to a close, we hope this word in season will bring in those subscriptions which remain unpaid.

Year Books.—Two County Year Books have reached us and we congratulate the secretaries in getting them out in such good time. The Kent book contains nearly 100 pages and gives a complete record of the County's activities. The Middlesex Year Book is also a nice production. In its thirty-two pages are the rules, list of officers and full score of all matches played from 1923-24 season to date. The new secretary of this powerful county, E. Busvine, is entering on his task with great energy and enthusiasm.

Our British champion, H. E. Atkins was invited by the organising chess committee of Moscow, to take part in the coming International tournament, to be held in that city from November the 5th, for which the world's champion, J. R. Capablanca is competing, and who passed through England on his way to Moscow.

It could not be expected that Atkins, who is the Head Master of Huddersfield College, can get away for such a tournament in term time. Practically his only chance of so doing would be if a tournament were to take place in August and the first part of September. It is hoped, however, that he will take the top board in the international matches against Belgium, France and Holland.

Chess in Winchester received a stimulant on October 16th. The venue was the Conservative Club premises, the headquarters of

the local Chess Club. Fifteen players of no mean ability assembled to meet W. Winter, who played them simultaneously. Result, Winter 15 wins.

The members of the Club are hoping to be favoured with a further visit in the future, and in the meantime, closer application to the study of the game is assured.

GAME NO. 5,562.

Played in the British championship tournament at Stratford-on-Avon.

Queen's Pawn Opening.

WHITE		BLACK		WHITE		BLACK	
W. GOODING		W. WINTER		W. GOODING		W. WINTER	
1	P—Q 4	1	Kt—K B 3	30	R—Q B 2	30	R×Q
2	P—Q B 4	2	P—K Kt 3	31	Kt×Q	31	R×P
3	Kt—Q B 3	3	B—Kt 2	32	Kt—B 5	32	R—Q Kt 5 ch ?
4	P—K 4	4	P—Q 3	33	K—B 1	33	R×P
5	P—B 4	5	Castles	34	Kt—Q 7	34	R—R 8 ch ?
6	B—K 2	6	Kt—B 3	35	K—Kt 2	35	P—K 5 ch ?
7	Kt—B 3	7	B—Kt 5	36	Kt—B 6 ch	36	B×Kt ch
8	B—K 3	8	B×Kt	37	P×B	37	R—K B 8 ?
9	B×B	9	P—K 4	38	P—Q 6 !	38	P—B 4
10	B P×P	10	P×P	39	P—Q 7	39	R—Q 8
11	P—Q 5	11	Kt—Q 5	40	R×P	40	P—R 4
12	Q—Q 2	12	Kt—Kt 5	41	R—B 8 ch	41	K—R 2
13	Castles QR	13	Kt×Q B	42	P—Q 8 (Q)	42	R×Q
14	Q×K Kt	14	Q—Q 3	43	R×R	43	P—Kt 4
15	K—Kt 1	15	P—Q R 3	44	K—B 2	44	K—Kt 3
16	P—K Kt 4	16	P—Q Kt 4	45	R—Q 6	45	P—R 5
17	B—K 2	17	KR—QKt 1	46	K—Q 2	46	P—R 6
18	P—K R 4	18	P×P	47	K—K 3	47	K—B 4
19	B×P	19	Q—Kt 5	48	R—Q 5 ch	48	K—Kt 5
20	B—Kt 3	20	Kt×B	49	K×P	49	P—R 7
21	P×Kt	21	Q×Kt P	50	R—Q 1	50	K—R 6
22	R—Q 2	22	P—Q R 4	51	R—Q 3 ch	51	K—R 5
23	P—Kt 5	23	P—R 5	52	R—Q 1	52	P—Kt 5
24	Kt—Q 1	24	Q—Kt 5	53	K—B 4	53	P—Kt 6
25	R—B 1	25	P—R 6	54	R—Q 8	54	K—R 6
26	K R—B 2	26	P×P ?	55	R—K R 8 ch	55	K—Kt 7
27	R×Kt P	27	Q—R 5	56	R—R 7	56	K—B 7
28	R×R ch	28	R×R ch	57	R—R 3	57	Resigns
29	Kt—Kt 2	29	R—Kt 6	A cruel deception for Black.			

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NEWS FROM THE DOMINIONS AND FOREIGN LANDS.

India.—We read in *The East African Standard* the astonishing report, on the authority of a communication from Kostich himself, that he did *not* come out second in the tournament at Chail, Patiala, but tied with Joshi for first and second prizes, as the two players drew their individual game and won all the rest ; but the referee awarded first prize to Joshi, in spite of Kostich's protests !

We are at a loss to explain the divergent stories.

South Africa.—The championship of the Pretoria C.C. has been won by W. C. Walker, F. W. Dunbar, who alone had an outside chance of overtaking him in the score, being unfortunately compelled by ill-health to retire with two games unplayed.

The Railway and Harbour Institute C.C. of Durban on August 3rd took a team to Maritzburg to play the City C.C., and returned defeated by 10—5. On the top board the veteran J. Bletcher (Maritzburg) beat G. Lawrie $1\frac{1}{2}$ — $\frac{1}{2}$.

The result of the tournaments of the Bloemfontein Chess Club are as follows : *First Class* : Dr. Van Hoepen, 22 (1 default) ; Mr. Galgut, 19 (1 default) ; Mr. Caplan, 19 ; Dr. Miodema, 18 $\frac{1}{2}$. *Second Class* : Miss Belfort, 15 ; Mr. Oppenheim, 12 ; Mr. Minge, 11 (1 default) ; Mr. Turner, 10 $\frac{1}{2}$; Mr. Crystal, 10. *Third Class* : Mr. Hutchins, 8 ; Mr. Taylor, 7 ; Mr. Huggins, 4.

It is proposed to have a competition between the different classes. The first conceding a Rook to the third class, and a Knight to the second class. The second conceding a Knight to the third class. Except in the case of the last of one class and the first of the next.

Kenya Colony.—A. H. Spencer Palmer has won the Ruben cup at the Nairobi C.C.

Another match between Europeans and Indians was played at Nairobi in September, the Indians winning on this occasion by 4—3.

Australia.—In the first of the semi-annual encounters between Brisbane and Darling Downs, played at the Brisbane C.C. last August, the metropolitan team scored 5—5 in the afternoon and 6—7 in the evening. The visitors thus won ; but A. J. Ansaldo won two victories for Brisbane, beating A. S. Cowdray and J. Lane.

The newly-instituted junior championship of the Melbourne C.C. has been won by the hon. secretary, L. Rosenblum, with a score of 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ out of 9 possible points.

Barbados.—The annual meeting of the Bridgetown Chess Club was held on July 25th, when there was a good attendance, the Rev. J. Evans Walcott (president), in the chair. The membership now stands at thirty-two, made up of twenty-four playing and eight non-playing members, and there are also twenty honorary members.

The championship was won by S. B. Inniss and the Franklin handicap by the Rev. F. Godson.

A crest for the club has been designed by one of its hon. members, J. H. Robinson, the science master at Harrison College, and it is proposed to import a bronze shield for annual competition.

United States.—Dr. E. Lasker is expected in New York in January. He hopes to play a considerable amount of chess in the States, but also to devote some time to sight-seeing. *The Brooklyn Eagle* remarks that Capablanca, young as he is, approaches more nearly to the ideal life of a retired expert than Lasker or other chess master, and “seems to extract genuine pleasure from the family life with Mrs. Capablanca and the two little ones in the suburbs of Havana.”

Italy.—In the congress at Bologna, September 13th—18th, Signor Monticelli took first place with 12½ points, followed by the Marquis Roselli del Turco with 11, and Dr. A. Seitz (Germany) with 10½.

Germany.—The German Chess Federation has announced its adhesion to the International Chess Federation.

Holland.—In a match at Amsterdam J. Davidson beat Dr. Esser 3—0, with 2 draws.

Russia.—We give now the correct prize-list of the Fourth All-Russian masters' tournament, held at St. Petersburg last August. We were misled by one of our foreign exchanges in thinking that the list we gave last month was that of the complete tournament. The prizes were won as follows :—

I. Bogoljuboff, 14 points in 19 games ; II. Lövenfisch, 13 ; III. E. Rabinovitch, 12½ ; IV. Verlinsky, 12 ; V. Dus-Chotimirsky, 11½ ; VI—VIII. Gothlf, Iljin-Genevsky and Romanovsky, 11 each. A. Rabinovitch and Sergeiff were just outside the prize-list, with 10 points each.

Brilliant prizes were awarded to Verlinsky, Kùbbel (the well-known problemist) and Romanovsky for their victories over Bogoljuboff, Dus-Chotimirsky, and Grigorieff respectively.

The international masters' tournament at Moscow is due to begin on November 5th. The foreign competitors are expected to be Capablanca (of whose entry there was much doubt until recently), Dr. E. Lasker, Grünfeld, Marshall, Reti, Rubinstein, Sämisch, Spielmann, Tartakover and Vidmar. Russia will be represented by the eight prizewinners above ; and there will be three other competitors whose names are not yet decided.

Should Bogoljuboff succeed in winning this tournament, it is said, he will challenge Capablanca to a match for the world's

championship. According to the *Deutsches Wochenschach*, the \$10,000 demanded will be no obstacle, the Russian Chess Federation being a State department!

Shanghai.—Early in August the International C.C., which has been established twenty years, took a new departure by issuing a general invitation, in response to which about a hundred Chinese came as guests to the club rooms in Siking Road. An enjoyable evening was spent over both European and Chinese chess, and it is hoped that the sequel will be a large increase in the club membership, quite a good number of Chinese joining that night.

Kostich was expected in Shanghai in October.

The first of the proposed International matches between Belgium, France, Great Britain and Holland was played at The Hague between Belgium and Holland on the 11th of this month. Unfortunately the Holland team were without M. Euwe, A. J. Speyer, J. te Kolste, G. S. Fontein and W. Fisk; the Belgians were strongly represented, the chief absentee being Arnstein. The match resulted in a draw as follows (the Holland representatives being mentioned first): (1) Davidson 0, Colle 1; (2) Olland 0, Koltanowski 1; (3) Weenink $\frac{1}{2}$, Lenglez $\frac{1}{2}$; (4) Parmeskeek 1, Tacketts 0; (5) Van Foreest 0, Louvain 1; (6) Kersten 1, Lancel 0; (7) Straat 1, Varlin 0; (8) Loman 0, T. Center 1; (9) Kroone 1, Verschuere 0; (10) L. Fisk $\frac{1}{2}$, Prils $\frac{1}{2}$; Totals 5—5. A fine effort on the part of the Belgians.

The quadrangular match between Euwe, Sämisch, Weenink and Davidson was played at Amsterdam between October 12th and 17th. Davidson won all three games in splendid style, showing vigorous play and initiative. The full score of the little tournament was as follows:—

	Davidson	Euwe	Sämisch	Weenink	T'l.	P'sit'n.
1 Davidson		—	1	1	3	.. I
2 Euwe		0	—	1	2	.. II
3 Sämisch		0	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	.. III
4 Weenink		0	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	.. III

The regular double-round open tournament of the Nice Chess Club commenced this month with sixteen entrants, and amongst these were I. Gunsberg, G. Renaud, Sir Watson Rutherford, Count Villeneuve de Esclapon, the brothers Vernet, Hein, Hallberg, Vitta, Dr. Telling, Morra, and others. In the present report Gunsberg and Renaud are leading, with one loss each, Telling next with two losses. Sir Watson lost his first game to Renaud, but has been playing well since and should be in the prize list.

During the absence on a visit to India of the editor of this section of the *B.C.M.*, the duties will be carried on by Julius du Mont. To him, at the Hampden Club, Phoenix Street, St. Pancras, N.W.1, all communications concerning this section should be sent for the next three months.

THE BRITISH CORRESPONDENCE CHESS ASSOCIATION.

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Owing to an oversight Mr. Finch has been placed in Class 3a, instead of Class 2a. He played in Class 1b last year.

Handicap winners are: 1, E. Bodkin 10.4; 2, Dutton 10.06; 3, Aston 9.85; 4, Clark 9.53. Number of handicap players, 94; games played, 480.

Trophy winners.—Class 1a, Dr. R. C. Macdonald; 1b, H. D. Rockett; 2a, Rev. W. E. Evill; 2b, F. E. Ward and J. W. Wood (tie); 3a, H. Bardsley; 3b, Rev. P. Armitage; 3c, A. F. Anderson and C. H. Jago (tie); 4a, J. E. Dutton; 4b, R. Day; 5a, P. Rocks, junr.; 5b, Miss J. H. White. Trophy players, 98.

Results for New Season Handicap.—Miss Drummond beat M. Stewart (2), Bardsley beat Oldfield in Handicap.

In our big match *versus Chess Amateur*, Rev. Leslie C. Seymour has secured a win for us against G. C. Neish. The following game was played in the same match.

GAME NO. 5,563.

WHITE		BLACK		WHITE		BLACK	
Dr. R. C.		F. W.		Dr. R. C.		F. W.	
MACDONALD		FFOULKES		MACDONALD		FFOULKES	
(B.C.C.A.)		(C.A.C.L.)		(B.C.C.A.)		(C.A.C.L.)	
1	P—K 4	1	P—K 4	9	Castles	9	B—Kt 2
2	Kt—K B 3	2	Kt—Q B 3	10	P—B 3	10	P×P
3	B—Kt 5	3	K Kt—K 2	11	P×P	11	B×P
4	Kt—B 3	4	P—K Kt 3	12	B—K R 6	12	P—Q 3
5	P—Q 4	5	P×P	13	R—B 1	13	Kt×R P
6	Kt—Q 5	6	Kt×Kt	14	Q—R 4 ch	14	K—Q 1
7	P×Kt	7	Q—K 2 ch	15	Q×Kt	15	B—Q Kt 5
8	B—K 2	8	Kt—Kt 5	16	Q—Kt 2	16	Resigns

Knock-out Tournery.—We are proceeding with this as quickly as possible. Players should advise us of any results immediately. The medals are waiting to be inscribed. W. H. Gunston has beaten Palmer and Toledano, and is now in the second round proper. Games not finished in three months should be forwarded to us for adjudication. J. W. Wood beat Goodwin and Anderton, and is now in the second round proper. Gold Medal, Section 2: W. H. Jones *v.* F. E. Ward, result should now be forwarded. Rynders beat Duffell, game against Miss Chater should now be forwarded; also Dr. Rutherford *v.* F. Finch.

The annual general meeting took place on October 26th. Particulars will be given later.

CHESS NOTES AND PROBLEMS

(Continued from page 426)

Senior 11. The game is to win the Pawn first. The Queen can usually win when the Pawn is situated on the central files, or on the Rook's file and unmoved. When on the Knight's or Bishop's file the game is generally drawn, if the Pawn is so placed that it can be defended by one of the pieces. The key-move in the solution given on page 424 is 3 Q—Q 8, driving the King in front of the Pawn.

Senior 12. 4.., P—Kt 3 fails after 5 P—B 6, P—K Kt 4; 6 R—R 8 ch, K—Kt 3; 7 R (B 8)—Kt 8 ch, K×P; 8 R×P ch and R—R 1. In a similar way 4 P—Kt 4 fails. The win after Q×P ch is somewhat obscure and I will give the continuation later: see answer to "Eze." Several Seniors gave No. 11 as a draw. The present is the ladder score. From now on the top of the ladder each month will get a small prize and his score will be cancelled.

"Eze," 71, 10, 10, 91; "Beta," 74, 4, 5, 83; "Pussycat," 69, 9, 5, 83; "Nuorb," 60, 7, 8, 75; "Sirius," 58, 10, 5, 73; "Clare," 55, 8, 5, 68; "T.E.S.," 50, 10, 5, 65; "Nemo," 51, 8, 5, 6; "Gambit," 41, 10, 10, 61; "A.A.," 52, 4, 5, 61; "Delta," 55, 3, 2, 60; "H.O.T." (India), 3 (10)=45, 10, 5, 60; "Cic," 54, no solutions; "G.A.W.," 47, 2, 4, 53; "C.H.D.," 39, 3, 10, 52; "Squibs," 44, no solutions; "Ajax," 25 (amended), 4, 10, 39; "R.F.D.H.," 28, 7, 3, 38; "Persequere," 8, 5, 10, 23; "Elderton," 12, no solutions; 17 solvers this month.

ANSWERS TO SENIORS: "Ajax"—Sorry I put the wrong number to you for 9 and 10, they should have been 7, 5, making your total 25. You are right with regard to Senior 13—it should be B×P. In Junior 12 after B—R 6 I think Kt—B 4 answers it satisfactorily. "G.A.W.," "C.H.D."—Will write you direct *re* No. 9. "Delta"—Please send address. Attempts not equal to your usual. "G.A.W."—Solutions to 11 and 12 not up to your previous standard. "C.J.C."—Will give the conclusion to 12 later, see answer to "Eze." Thanks for stamps. "Pussycat"—Am writing direct *re* R. Cross. "Eze"—If in Junior 12, 23 B—B 6, Kt—B 4; 24 R—Kt 4, P—Kt 3; 25 Q×Q, Kt×Q; 26 P—Kt 4 and wins. I will let you have the remainder of Senior 12 when the magazine from which I got it is returned to me. "Beta"—In answer to 1 Q—K R 3 in No. 11, I think R—Q B 4 delays matter more than a King move. "G.A.W."—Thanks for yours. Please accept my apologies. Cannot think how I came to make such a "bloomer." "T.E.S."—You did not cavil at my remark *re* No. 9, but if 1 B—K 6, B—B 7; 2 B—B 5 wins. "G.A.W." and "T.E.S."—How do you proceed if after 1 B—K 6, B—K 1; 2 K—B 5, K—R 3; 3 B—Kt 8, K—R 4!? If 4 K—K 6, K—Kt 4; 5 K—K 7, K—Kt 3. Can White win? If 5 B—R 7, B—R 4, I think there is a win, but it takes appreciably longer. I will credit you both with 5 more points. "C.H.D."—Surely if in No. 9, p. 385, 6.., K—B 4; 7 B—B 7, B—R 5; 8 B—K 6, K moves; 9 P—B 7 wins?

Juniors 11. There was little difficulty to most of the solvers in this problem, but 12, except to those who knew the position, proved too much for them; I think if 1 B—R 6, Kt—B 4 spoils it. The position is complicated and there are many variations worth going into, but unfortunately I am pressed for time.

Next month a small prize will be given to the solver at the top of the ladder, and his score will be cancelled. The present state is as follows: "Knowsley," 71, 10, 10, 91; "Tyro," 71, 10, —, 81;

"E.H.K.B.," 66, 10, 3, 79; "Pawn," 65, 10, 4, 79; "Thule," 55, 10, 3, 68; "Lopez," 58, no solutions; "Robo," 40, 10, 4, 54; "Rook," 37, 10, 4, 51; "Lady Clara," 35 (amended), 10, 4, 49; "Relda," 18, 10, 10, 38; "Particles," 18, 10, 3, 31; "Lily," 16, 10, 4, 30; "Tyke," 20, 10, —, 30; "Stalemate," 17, 10, —, 27; "Honey," 14, 10, 2, 26; "Edina," 20, no solutions; "Nigger," no solutions. Only 14 solvers this month.

ANSWERS TO JUNIORS: "Knowsley"—Yes, very much thanks. "Tyro"—Sorry the misprint put you off! "Robo"—I would suggest in No. 12 if Q—B 2, P—Kt 4; 2 R—B 6, Q—Kt 2; 3 P—Kt 3, Q R—B 1. "Lady Clara"—I am very sorry I cannot find your solutions to 9 and 10, can you send me duplicates? I am sorry for the error. "Honey"—Your answer to Senior 11 is fair, but it is difficult in such an ending to know what are exactly the best moves for both sides, and you failed to find them in one or two cases. With regard to Senior 12 you have a better grasp of this than many of the Seniors. "Lily"—I cannot find any solutions of yours for 9 and 10, can you send me duplicate?

An amusing finale is sent me by a correspondent, who remarks that the example may help some beginner to realise that a gift should not always be accepted. 1 P—K 4, P—K 4; 2 Kt—K B 3, Kt—Q B 3; 3 B—Kt 5, Kt—Q 5; 5 Kt×Kt, P×Kt; 5 Castles, Kt—B 3; 6 P—K 5, Kt—Q 4; 7 Q—Kt 4, P—Q B 4; 8 P—K 6, Kt—B 3; 9 R—K 1, Kt×Q; 10 P×Q P mate!!

Herewith solutions to Problems on page 425. These conclusions of mine may be altered after perusal of solvers' answers, for there is of course no finality on such points as those referred to on that page, but the consideration of them must have an appreciable strengthening of one's play, and that is the main point of these notes.

Junior Problem 13. (a) 4 P—K 5, P—Q 4; 5 B—Kt 3 suggested by Marshall; (b) 6 B—K Kt 5, Kt—Q B 3! 7 Q—K R 4, P—Q 4 +; (c) If 8 B—Q 2, Q—K 2 ch; (d) Black. Possibly 10 B—K Kt 5 may be better.

Problem No. 14. Move 10 for Black ought to have been, of course, Kt×B ch, and 12.., K—B 1. (a) 8.., Kt×Q B P K? Kt—B 3 should have been played; (b) 11.., P—Q 4 would probably be better; thereafter there seems no chance of saving the game; (c) B—R 3 is threatened. If P—Q 4, 22 Q—B 3. There does not appear to be any continuation worth quoting.

Senior Problem No. 13. Black's 15th move should be B×P. (a) 8.., Kt×Kt; 9 P×Kt! and if P—K B 4; 9 Kt—Q 2; (b) 9 Kt×Kt, P×Kt; 10 Kt—Q 2, P—K B 4; 11 P—K 3, Kt—Q 2; 12 P—B 3, P×P; 13 B×P, B×B; 14 Kt×B; (c) 9.., P×P; 10 Kt×Kt, P×Kt; 11 Kt—K 5, Q×P? 12 Q×P +; (d) if 15 P—Q 5, P—Q Kt 4; (e) the game is equal.

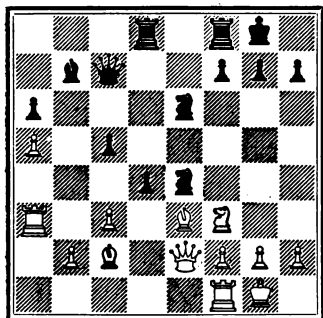
Problem No. 14. (a) 9 Q P×P, Q—B 2; 10 Q—K 2, B×P; 11 R—Q 1, P—Q Kt 3; 12 P—K R 3 +; (b) (i) 14 P—K 5, B—Kt 2 (Kt—Q 2? 15 Kt—Q 5! B—Q 1; 16 P—Q Kt 4 +); 15 P—K B 4, Kt—Q 2; 16 Kt—Kt 5 or B—Q 3; (ii) 14 B—K 3, B—Kt 2 (Kt×K P? 15 Kt×Kt, Q×Kt; 16 B×P +); 15 P—B 3; (iii) 14 B—K Kt 5, P—R 3; 15 B×Kt, B×B; 16 Kt—Q 5, B—Kt 4; if

17 P—B 4, P×Kt; 18 B×P, Q—K Kt 3! +, or 17 Q R—B 1, P×Kt; 18 B×P, Q—B 4 ch; 19 K—R 1, R—B 1; 20 P×B +. This last is a suggestion of Rubinstein and I think the strongest for White.

PROBLEMS FOR JUNIORS.

Problem No. 15.

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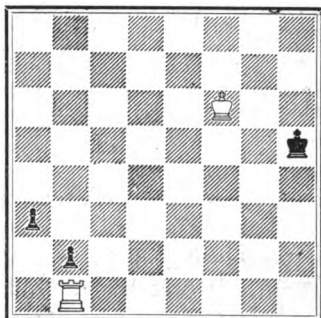
WHITE (13 pieces)

How should White continue?

Who has the advantage?

Problem No. 16.

BLACK (3 pieces)



WHITE (2 pieces)

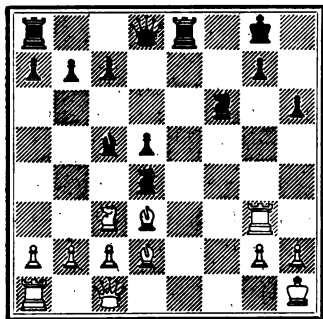
White to play.

What result and how?

PROBLEMS FOR SENIORS.

Problem No. 15.

BLACK (13 pieces)



WHITE (12 pieces)

Black to play:

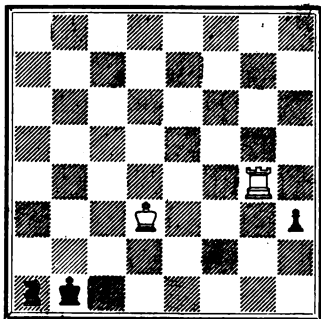
How should he continue?

He played Q—Q 2 and lost!

How does White win then?

Problem No. 16.

BLACK (3 pieces)



WHITE (2 pieces)

White to play.

What result and how?

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Eight problems to be submitted. Judge to be R. C. Griffith.

The idea of the donor (a solver who wishes to be anonymous) is to encourage regular solvers and to induce the casual reader of these pages to become a solver.

The special problems (two each month) will be in addition to the usual two problems for Juniors or Seniors.

The solvers who send solutions only to the special problems will not be considered as competing for the prizes, which are solely given to increase the number of solvers of these pages.

GAME DEPARTMENT.

Games played in the Major Open Tournament at Stratford-on-Avon. Notes by J. H. Blake.

GAME No. 5564.

French Defence.

WHITE	BLACK	
E. ZNOSKO-BOROVSKI	J. J. O'HANLON	meanwhile ..., P—B 3 or else ..., K R—B 1.
1 P—K 4	1 P—K 3	17 Kt—K 3
2 P—Q 4	2 P—Q 4	18 B—Q 1
3 Kt—Q B 3	3 Kt—K B 3	17 K R—Q 1
4 B—K Kt 5	4 B—K 2	18 Q R—Kt 1
5 P—K 5	5 K Kt—Q 2	His last move indicated an intention of trying to force open the Queen's file, and r8... P—B 3 was its logical corollary; if 19 P×P, then ..., P×P with a good game.
6 B×B	6 Q×B	19 P—Q Kt 4
7 Kt—Kt 5	7 Kt—Kt 3	19 B—K 1
8 P—Q B 3	8 P—Q R 3	20 B—B 2
9 Kt—Q R 3	9 B—Q 2	20 Kt—Q 2
.....All "book" so far, but here M.C.O. gives as best Alapin's line 9..., P—B 3, leading to a counter-attack on the Queen's side for Black. As played Black is aiming at a similar attack by a less effective method.		And still 20..., P—B 3 was strong. After White gets a Rook to K 1 it is too late.
10 Kt—B 3	10 Kt—R 5	21 Q R—K 1
11 Q—Q 2	11 P—Q B 4	21 Kt—B 1 ?
12 Q R—Kt 1	12 P—Q Kt 4	22 P—K R 4
13 Kt—B 2	13 Kt—B 3	22 R—R 1
14 P—Q Kt 3	14 Kt—Kt 3	23 P—R 5
15 B—K 2	15 Castles	23 P—R 4
16 Castles	16 P—B 5	24 P—R 3
		24 P×P
		25 R P×P
		25 R—R 6
		26 Kt—Kt 4
		26 Kt—Q 2
		Now Black is in the toils. 26..., P—R 3 merely provokes a winning sacrifice of the Knight 26..., P—B 4; 27 P×P e.p., P×P; 28 Q—B 4, Kt—Q 2; 29 B—B 5, B—B 2; 30 Kt— R 6 ch, and 31 Kt×B leads to a

.....It would be better to
reserve the option of opening the
Queen's Bishop's file, playing

break up of his game. He cannot therefore prevent White getting a Knight to B6, and might as well play 26.., KR—R1, obtaining a position which he actually reaches presently, but obtaining it before White's attack is matured.

27 Kt—Kt 5 27 Kt—B 1

.....27.., P—R 3 is still bad because of 28 Kt—R 7!

28 P—R 6	28 P—Kt 3
29 Kt—B 6 ch	29 K—R 1
30 R—K 3	30 K R—R 1
31 R—B 3	31 Kt—Q 1
32 Q—B 4	32 B—B 3
33 Q—R 4	33 Q R—R 2
34 Q—Kt 4	34 B—K 1
35 R—Kt 3	35 R—Kt 2
36 P—B 4	36 Q R—R 2
37 B—Kt 1	37 R—R 8
38 K—R 2	38 Kt—B 3

(See Diagram)

39 R (Kt 3)—B 3	39 Kt—Q 1
40 Q—R 4	40 B—B 3
41 P—Kt 4	41 B—Q 2

.....Intending if 42 P—B 5 to continue with 42..; KP×P; 43 P×P, R×B; 44 R×R, B×P. White's next counters this by threatening to follow on with the return of the Exchange and to

open the King's Knight's file fatally for Black.

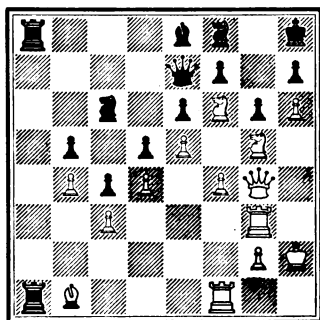
42 Q—Kt 3	42 R (R 1)—R 2
43 P—B 5	43 B—K 1

.....Now the Bishop should return to B 3. To leave it on a square where it can be exchanged with White's Knight precipitates the catastrophe which, however, could not be long delayed.

44 Q—R 4	44 R—Kt 2
45 P×Kt P	45 R P×P
46 Kt×B	46 Q×Kt
47 Kt×B P ch	47 R×Kt
48 R×R	48 Resigns

Position after 38.., Kt—B 3.

BLACK (O'HANLON)



WHITE (ZNOSKO-BOROVSKY)

GAME No. 5,565.

Queen's Gambit Declined.

WHITE BLACK
W. H. WATTS E. ZNOSKO-BOROVSKY

1 P—Q 4	1 P—Q 4
2 Kt—KB 3	2 P—K 3
3 P—B 4	3 Kt—KB 3
4 Kt—B 3	4 B—K 2
5 P—K 3	

Reverting to the older form of the opening, which presents fewer difficulties for Black than 5 B—Kt 5.

6 B—Q 3	5 Castles
	6 P—B 4

7 Castles	7 Q Kt—Q 2
8 B P×P	

Opinion is against being the first to exchange in this form of the opening, and the isolation of Black's Queen's Pawn does not furnish a sufficient reason for departing from the general practice. 8 P—Q Kt 3 was therefore better, and at the next move also.

9 P×P	8 KP×P
	9 Kt×P

10 B—K 2 10 P—Q R 3
His 12th move shows
 the reason for preferring this to
 10.., P—Q Kt 3.

11 P—Q Kt 3 11 P—Q Kt 4
 12 Kt—Q 4 12 Q—Kt 3
 13 B—B 3 13 R—Q 1
 14 Q—B 2

The Knight now at Q 4 is far
 stronger there than at KB 5,
 inasmuch as he has no present
 prospect of backing up the attack
 from the latter square; therefore
 14 B—Kt 2 and 15 Q Kt—K 2
 was a stronger line.

15 Kt—B 5? 14 B—Kt 2
 16 B—Kt 2 15 B—K B 1
 17 Q—K 2 16 Q R—B 1

The premature character of his
 14th and 15th moves is strikingly
 evident; the Queen has no better
 retreat than Q 1, leaving K 2 for
 the Knight. Black now takes
 complete control of the game.

18 Kt—Kt 1 17 P—Kt 5
 19 R—Q 1 18 P—Q R 4

His last chance of effective
 resistance lay in playing here
 19 Q—Q 1; if .., B—R 3; 20
 B—K 2. The interest of the
 remainder lies in the energy and
 precision with which Black
 pursues his winning advantage in
 position.

(See Diagram)

20 Q—K 1 19 B—R 3

Probably played instantly under
 clock pressure. But 20 Q—Q 2,
 and if .., Kt—Q 6 then 21 B—K 2,
 or if 20.., K Kt—K 5, then 21
 Q—Q 4; or if 20.., Q Kt—K 5,
 then 21 B×Kt, Kt×B (...,
 P×B; 22 Kt—Q 4); 22 Q—Q 4,
 would have made a longer struggle
 possible.

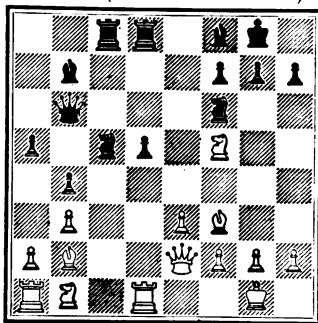
21 Q—Q 2 20 Kt—Q 6
 22 B×Kt 21 Kt—K 5
 23 B—Q 4 22 P×B
 24 Kt—Kt 3 23 Q—K Kt 3
 25 P—Q R 3 24 R—B 3
 26 R—R 2 25 R (Q 1)—B 1
 27 P—K R 3 26 Q—K 3
 28 Q—K 2 27 Q×Kt P

The Queen's only way out
 against the threat of .., R—B 7.

29 Q—Kt 4 28 Kt—B 8
 30 K—R 2 29 Kt×R
 31 Resigns 30 R—K Kt 3

Position after 19 R—Q 1.

BLACK (ZNOSKO-BOROVSKY)



WHITE (WATTS)

GAME No. 5,566.

Hungarian Defence.

WHITE

BLACK

J. E. PARRY. E. ZNOSKO-BOROVSKY

1 P—K 4 1 P—K 4
 2 Kt—KB 3 2 Kt—QB 3
 3 B—B 4 3 B—K 2
 4 P—B 3 4 Kt—B 3

5 Q—K 2

The *Handbuch* gives Q—B 2, a
 better move for the reason that it
 enables him to support his centre
 later by B—K 3 without leaving
 the King's Pawn undefended.

- 6 P—Q 4 5 P—Q 3
7 P—Q 5 6 Castles

Blocking in his own Bishop, which in consequence plays a very insignificant role for the rest of the game. He anticipates ... B—Kt 5, endangering his Queen's Pawn, but the proper way to put aside that danger is 7 P—K R 3.

- 8 Castles 7 Kt—Kt 1

8 P—K R 3 is still worth while; its postponement until after the pin enables Black to bring another piece to the attack of the King's Pawn.

- 9 P—K R 3 8 B—Kt 5
10 R—K 1 9 B—R 4
11 Q Kt—Q 2 10 Q Kt—Q 2
12 P—K Kt 4 11 P—B 3

12 P×P, P×P; 13 Kt—B 1 would avoid the loss of a Pawn which follows upon this and the next move.

- 13 Kt—R 4 12 B—Kt 3

Now 13 Kt—B 1 is too late because of ... P×P; 14 P×P, Kt—Kt 3; 15 Kt—K 3, B—K 5, winning the Pawn. To avoid loss he should play 13 P×P, P×P; 14 B—Kt 3.

- 14 Kt×B 13 B×K P!
15 Kt—B 5 14 Kt×Kt
16 P×P 15 K Kt—B 3
17 P—Kt 5 16 P×P

This attack is soon repelled. It might be better therefore to play 17 Kt×B ch, and adopt a defensive type of game, with the two Bishops as some slight compensation for the Pawn lost.

- 18 Q—Kt 4 17 Kt—K 1
19 B—Kt 3 18 P—Q 4
20 B—K 3 19 B—B 4
21 R×B 20 B×B
21 P—Kt 3

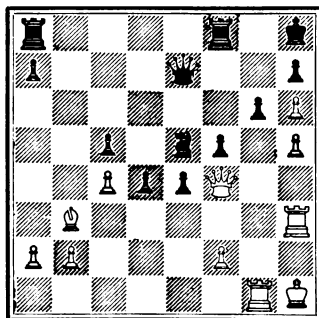
- 22 Kt—R 6 ch 22 K—Kt 2
23 P—K R 4 23 P—K B 4
24 Q—Kt 2 24 P—K 5
25 Q R—Q 1 25 Kt—K 4
26 K—R 1 26 Kt—Q 3
27 R—R 3 27 Kt (Q 3)—B 2
28 P—Q B 4

Perhaps with the idea of getting the Bishop into play again by following with P—B 5, but then the reply ... Kt—Q 6 would win a Pawn or the Exchange; it would be better, therefore, to play 28 Q—Kt 3 first, as the Bishop now becomes more hopelessly out of play even than before.

- 29 Q—Kt 3 28 P—Q 5
30 Q—B 4 29 P—B 4
31 R—K Kt 1 30 Q—K 2
32 P×Kt ch 31 Kt×Kt
33 P—R 5 32 K—R 1

Position after 33 P—R 5.

BLACK (Znosko-Borovsky)



WHITE (PARRY)

- 34 Q—Q 2 33 Kt—Q 6
35 R—K B 1 34 R—K Kt 1
36 R×P 35 P×P
37 R—R 2 36 R—Kt 5
38 P—B 3 37 Q—Q Kt 2
39 R (B 1)—B 2 38 P×P
40 R—R 3 39 Q R—K Kt 1
41 Q×Kt 40 Kt×R ch
42 Q—R 41 R—Kt 8 ch
43 Resigns 42 P—B 7 ch

GAME No. 5,567.

Petroff's Defence.

WHITE

BLACK

C. R. GURNHILL J. A. J. DREWITT

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|------------|------------|
| 1 P—K 4 | 1 P—K 4 |
| 2 Kt—K B 3 | 2 Kt—K B 3 |
| 3 Kt×P | 3 P—Q 3 |
| 4 Kt—K B 3 | 4 Kt×P |
| 5 P—Q 4 | 5 P—Q 4 |
| 6 B—Q 3 | 6 Kt—Q B 3 |
| 7 Castles | 7 B—K 2 |
| 8 P—B 4 | |

The move of 8 R—K 1 is much more in favour here ; that chosen is regarded as enabling Black to equalise fully.

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| | 8 Kt—B 3 |
| 9 Kt—B 3 | 9 P×P |
| 10 B×P | 10 B—K Kt 5 |
| 11 B—K 3 | 11 Castles |
| 12 R—B 1 | 12 Kt—Kt 5 |
| 13 P—Q R 3 | |

As Black intends to play ... Kt—Q 4 without any pressing it would have been better to take this opportunity of getting in R—K 1. The gain of a Pawn is not worth making owing to the freedom of position which it confers upon Black.

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| | 13 Q Kt—Q 4 |
| 14 Kt×Kt | 14 Kt×Kt |
| 15 B×Kt ? | 15 Q×B |
| 16 R×P ? | 16 B—Q 3 |
| 17 R—B 3 | |

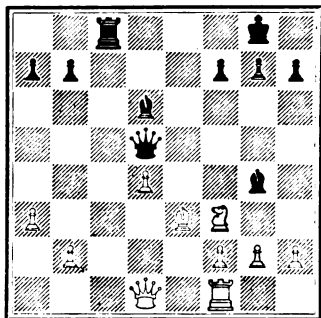
17 R—B 1 was better, as he need not then give up the file by exchanging Rooks.

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| | 17 Q R—B 1 |
| 18 R×R | 18 R×R |

.....And the Black pieces dominate the board, whilst White is potentially a Rook short for a few moves. Black proceeds to turn the fact to account very skilfully.

Position after 18..., R×R.

BLACK (DREWITT)



WHITE (GURNHILL)

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| 19 P—R 3 | 19 B—R 4 |
| 20 P—K Kt 4 | 20 B—Kt 3 |
| 21 Kt—K 1 | |

This further cripples his mobility. 21 Kt—K 5, offering to return the Pawn with drawing prospects, was probably best ; with his broken King's wing he can hardly look for more.

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| | 21 Q—Q Kt 4 |
| 22 Q—Q 2 | |

22 B—B 1, with the idea of getting the Knight to K 3 *via* K Kt 2, was a less cramping line.

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| | 22 P—K R 4 |
| 23 P—B 3 | 23 Q—Kt 6 ! |
| 24 P×P | |

A temporising move such as 24 B—B 2 was needed here ; after the exchange of Pawns it is too late.

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|-----------|------------|
| | 24 Q B×P |
| 25 P—B 4 | 25 B—K 2 |
| 26 R—B 2 | 26 B—R 5 |
| 27 R—Kt 2 | 27 R—K 1 |
| 28 Kt—Q 3 | 28 B—B 6 ! |
| 29 R—Kt 4 | |

He cannot offer the Exchange at K 2 on account of ... B×R and ... Q—K 3, but he has no other mobile piece ; he should therefore

play 29 K—R 2 or R—B 2 to compel immediate capture.

29 R×B!

.....White cannot take the Rook because of 30 Q—Q 8 ch;
31 Kt—K 1, B×R; 32 P×B,

Q×Kt ch and wins. Black finishes with two neat strokes; a good example of Mr. Drewitt's style.

30 Kt—B 5 30 Q×Kt P!
31 Resigns

GAME No. 5,568.

Sicilian Defence.

WHITE

C. R. GURNHILL

BLACK

W. H. WATTS

1 P—K 4 1 P—Q B 4
2 Kt—K B 3 2 P—K 3
3 P—Q 4 3 P×P
4 Kt×P 4 P—Q R 3

.....L. Paulsen's line, revived by Dr. Tartakover.

5 B—K 3

At least premature, as, his Knight not being in danger, there may presently be something better to do with this Bishop.

6 B—Q 3 5 Q—B 2
7 Castles 6 Kt—K B 3
8 Kt—Q 2 7 Kt—B 3
9 P—Q B 3 8 P—Q 4
10 B—K B 4 9 Kt—K 4

For if 10 B—B 2 then ..., Q Kt—Kt 5 forces an exchange of the prematurely developed Bishop; White prefers therefore to exchange it in a way which will retain the initiative.

11 B×Kt 10 B—Q 3
12 Q Kt—K B 3 11 B×B

But this is a mistake; the other Knight should go to K B 3.

12 B—B 5

.....For now 12..., P×P; 13 Kt×B, Q×Kt, wins a Pawn, temporarily at any rate; and after 14 R—K 1, Q—Q 4; 15 B—B 2, P—Q Kt 4, its recovery would be far from easy.

13 K R—K 1 13 Castles

.....Here again if the score is correct Black could by 13..., P×P; 14 B×P, Kt×B, have

secured the retention of his two Bishops against White's two Knights.

14 P—K 5

White recovers his Pawn presently, but to give up a centre Pawn for the opponent's King's Rook's Pawn is not, generally speaking, sound tactics.

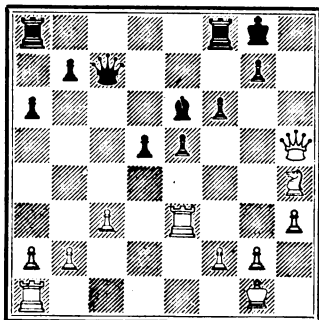
15 P—K R 3 14 Kt—Kt 5
16 Kt×Kt 15 Kt×K P
17 B×P ch 16 B×Kt
18 Q—R 5 ch 17 K×B
19 R×B 18 K—Kt 1
20 R—K 3 19 P—B 3
21 Kt—B 3 20 P—K 4
 21 B—K 3

.....With so strong a centre Black should challenge an immediate exchange of Queens by 21..., Q—B 2; if White refused (by 22 Q—R 4) he would hamper the action of his own Knight which Black's chosen move gives time for.

22 Kt—R 4

Position after 22 Kt—R 4.

BLACK (WATTS)



WHITE (GURNHILL)

22 B—B 2

.....A plausible but insufficient resource is 22... P—K Kt 4, then follows 23 Kt—Kt 6, K R—B 1; 24 Q—R 8 ch, K—B 2; 25 Q—R 7 ch, K—K 1, 26 Q—R 6, K—B 2; 27 R—B 3, R—K Kt 1; 28 Q—R 7 ch, R—Kt 2; 29 Kt—R 8 ch, K—B 1; 30 Q—R 5 ch, B—B 2; 31 Q—R 6 and should win.

23 Q—Kt 4	23 K R—K 1
24 R—Kt 3	24 B—K 3
25 Q—R 5	25 B—B 2
26 Q—R 6	26 B—K 3
27 Q×B P	27 P—K 5

28 Q—Kt 5 28 R—K B 1

.....28... Q R—B 1; 29 Kt—Kt 6, Q—B 2; 30 Q—R 5, Q—B 3 would still hold the position together.

29 Kt—Kt 6	29 R—B 3
30 Q—R 5	30 R—Q B 1
31 Q—R 8 ch	31 K—B 2
32 Kt—K 5 ch	32 Resigns

.....For after 32... K—K 2; 33 R×P ch, B—B 2; 34 Q—R 5, K—B 1; 35 Q—Kt 5 Black has no satisfactory resource against the threat of 36 Kt×B and 37 R—Kt 8 ch.

GAME NO. 5,569.

Ruy Lopez.

WHITE

BLACK

J. J. O' HANLON C. R. GURNHILL

1 P—K 4	1 P—K 4
2 Kt—K B 3	2 Kt—Q B 3
3 B—Kt 5	3 P—Q R 3
4 B—R 4	4 Kt—B 3
5 P—Q 4	

5 Castles leaves Black less freedom, and has virtually superseded this once favourite line.

	5 P×P
6 Castles	6 B—K 2
7 Q—K 2	7 P—R 3

.....He can hardly afford the tempo thus expended. *M.C.O.* gives 7... Castles; 8 P—K 5, Kt—K 1; 9 R—Q 1, P—Q 4, etc.

8 P—K 5	8 Kt—K R 2
9 R—Q 1	9 P—Q Kt 4
10 B—Kt 3	10 Kt—Kt 4

.....Of very doubtful value as compared with Castling; 11 Kt×P in reply would yield a strong attack.

11 B×Kt	11 B×B
12 P—Q B 3	12 P×P

.....This should have cost the game. In most variations of this type the Pawn should be left for White to capture, both as time saving and as closing the file to the Rook.

13 Kt×P	13 Castles
14 Q—K 4	

14 B—Q 5 would express his idea much better.

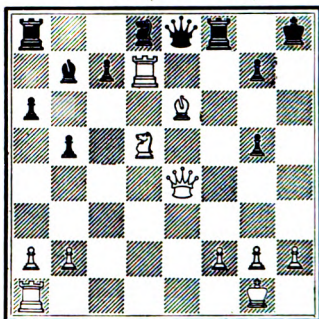
14 B—Kt 2

.....For Black might now have played 14... R—Kt 1 with some prospect of escaping.

15 P—K 6!	15 B P×P
16 B×P ch	16 K—R 1
17 R×P	17 Q—K 1
18 Kt×B	18 P×Kt
19 Kt—Q 5	19 Kt—Q 1

Position after 19... Kt—Q 1.

BLACK (GURNHILL)



WHITE (O'HANLON)

20 R—K 1

So far very effectively played by White; but here he had probably to move instantly, and allowed the win to escape him. He could play 20 R×B P without disadvantage; but his best line

is 20 B—B 5; should Black be tempted to 20.., R×B; 21 Q×R, B—B 1, White mates in three, commencing 22 Kt—B 6. Black would therefore (in view of other threats), have nothing better to do than exchange Queens, leaving White with a position so superior that ultimate victory would be probable.

20 Q×B

21 Q—Q Kt 4

If 21 Q×Q, Kt×Q; 22 R×Kt, B—B 1; 23 Q R—K 7, B×R; 24 R×B, Q R—Q 1, and wins easily.

22 Q—Q 4

23 R—K 7

24 Resigns

21 Q—K B 4

22 Q×R

23 Kt—K 3!

GAME NO. 5.570.

Sicilian Defence.

WHITE

R. E. LEAN

BLACK

W. H. WATTS

1 P—K 4

2 Kt—K B 3

3 P—Q 4

4 Kt×P

5 Kt—Q B 3

6 B—K 3?

7 B—K 2

8 P—B 3

1 P—Q B 4

2 Kt—Q B 3

3 P×P

4 P—K 3

5 P—Q R 3

6 Kt—B 3

7 B—Kt 5

19 R—B 4

.....For the third time 19.., P—B 3 is the right line, with 20.., B—R 3 or 20.., P—B 4 to follow, according to play of the Queen. After the text-move White's danger is over, and he has the better game—the usual consequence of an unpunished blunder.

20 Kt×P

21 Q—K 2

22 R—Q 1

18 P—Q B 4?

19 P—B 4

.....For the third time 19.., P—B 3 is the right line, with 20.., B—R 3 or 20.., P—B 4 to follow, according to play of the Queen. After the text-move White's danger is over, and he has the better game—the usual consequence of an unpunished blunder.

20 B—B 3

21 K—R 1

22 R—Q 1

(See Diagram)

22 Q—B 2

.....There is nothing promising to do here; 22.., R—K 1 seems best. The text-move begins an unsound combination.

23 Kt×K P

24 R—B 7

25 K—Kt 1

23 Q—K 2

24 B×P ch

25 K×B, Q×Kt; 26 Q×Q, B×Q; 27 R—Q 6 also leaves him with a winning advantage without risks.

25 Q×Kt

.....25.., Q—R 6 is not quite good enough, owing to 26 P—B 3, R×B; 27 P×R, Q×P; 28 Kt—Q 4! Nor 25.., Q—K 1 because of 26 R—K 1. The text-move is a desperate resource, which breaks down mainly upon the fact of his Bishop at K 3 being unprotected.

26 B×Q

27 Q×P

27 Q×B, B—R 6 ch; 28 Q—Kt 3 is also good enough to win.

If White had not already played B—K 3 there would now be a good attack obtainable by 8 Kt×Kt, Kt P×Kt; 9 Castles, B×Kt; 10 P×B, Kt×P; 11 Q—Q 4, Kt—B 3; 12 B—R 3, etc.

8 P—Q 4!

9 P×P

10 Kt×Kt

11 Q—Q 4?

12 Q×Kt

13 Castles Q R

9 Kt×P

10 P×Kt

11 Kt×B

12 Q—K 2

A very bold course, but virtually forced upon him by the too early loss of his Queen's Bishop.

13 Castles

14 B—B 4

15 Q—K 5

16 Kt—K 4

17 R—Q 4

14 R—Kt 1

15 Q—Kt 2

16 Q—Kt 3

A mistake. 17 R—Q 3 was the safe course.

17 B—K 2

.....Because 17.., P—B 3, and if 18 B×P ch, then K—R 1 must have cost White a piece with no adequate attack to compensate for it.

18 B—Kt 3

27 B—K 4 ch

.....If 27..., B—B 5 White can take the Bishop and then interpose the Queen as in the last note. If 27..., B—R 6 ch; 28 R—Kt 7, B—B 1, White plays simply 29 Q×B, and Black's attack is over.

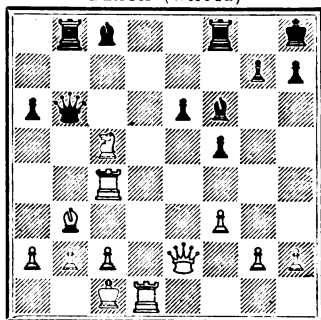
28 R—Kt 7 27 K R—Q 1

.....Now he can recover the Queen by 28..., R×R ch; 29 Q×R, R—Q Kt 1; but then 30 Q×R ch, B×Q; 31 R—Q 8 ch, B—Kt 1; 32 R×K B and wins easily. 28..., B—B 5; 29 Q—Kt 6, R—R 1, P—Kt 3 gives White the time he needs for safety. And if 28..., B—B 1; 29 R×R! Other attempts break down against 29 R—K 1 or 29 P—Q B 4.

29 R×R ch 29 R×R

30 P—Q B 4 30 Resigns
Position after 22 R—Q 1.

BLACK (WATTS)



WHITE (LEAN)

GAME NO. 5,571.

Reti's Opening.

WHITE		BLACK		WHITE		BLACK	
F. C. SHORT		J. A. J. DREWITT		F. C. SHORT		J. A. J. DREWITT	
1	Kt—K B 3	1	P—Q 4	17	K R—Q 1	17	Q—K 1
2	P—B 4	2	P—Q B 3	18	Q—K 1	18	P—Q 5
3	P×P	3	P×P	19	Kt—B 2	19	Kt—R 2
4	P—K Kt 3	4	Kt—Q B 3	20	Kt—R 3	20	B—Q 4
5	B—Kt 2	5	Kt—B 3	21	Kt—B 4	21	Kt—Kt 4
6	Castles	6	P—K Kt 3	22	Kt×Kt	22	P×Kt
7	P—Q Kt 3	7	B—Kt 2	23	Q—Q 2	23	B×B
8	B—Kt 2	8	Castles	24	K×B	24	B—B 3
9	Kt—R 3	9	B—B 4	25	P—K 3	25	Q—Q 2
10	P—Q 3	10	Q—Q 2	26	P—K 4	26	P—Kt 4
11	R—K 1	11	B—R 6 ?	27	Kt—R 3	27	Kt—K 4
12	B—R 1	12	B—Kt 5	28	R×R	28	R×R
13	Kt—B 2	13	P—K R 3	29	R—B 1	29	Kt—B 6
14	Kt—K 3	14	B—K 3	30	Q—Q 1	30	R×R
15	R—Q B 1	15	Q R—B 1	31	B×R	31	Q—R 6
16	Q—Q 2	16	K R—Q 1	32	Resigns		

GAME NO. 5,572.

Giuoco Piano.

WHITE		BLACK		WHITE		BLACK	
E. SPENCER		H. SAUNDERS		E. SPENCER		H. SAUNDERS	
1	P—K 4	1	P—K 4	15	Q R—Q 1	15	Q R—K 1
2	Pt—K B 3	2	Kt—Q B 3	16	P—Q 4	16	R—B 2
3	B—B 4	3	B—B 4	17	Kt×B	17	R P×Kt
4	Castles	4	P—Q 3	18	Q—K 2	18	P—R 3
5	P—B 3	5	Kt—B 3	19	B—B 1	19	Kt—Q 2
6	R—K 1	6	Castles	20	P—Q 5	20	Kt—B 5
7	B—Kt 3	7	B—Kt 3	21	B×Kt	21	P×P
8	P—Q 3	8	Kt—K 2	22	B—K 3	22	P—B 3
9	Q Kt—Q 2	9	Kt—Kt 3	23	P×P	23	P—B 4
10	Kt—B 4	10	R—K 1	24	B—R 4	24	Q—K 2
11	Kt—Kt 5	11	R—K 2	25	Q—Kt 4	25	Kt—B 3
12	Q—B 3	12	B—K 3	26	Q—K 6	26	R—R 1
13	Kt×Q B	13	P×Kt	27	B—B 2	27	Resigns
14	B—Kt 5	14	Q—B 1				

GAME No. 5,573.

French Defence.

WHITE		BLACK		WHITE		BLACK	
E. ZNOSKO-BOROVSKY		O. C. MULLER		E. ZNOSKO-BOROVSKY		O. C. MULLER	
1	P—K 4	1	P—K 3	19	Kt×P	19	Kt×Kt
2	P—Q 4	2	P—Q 4	20	P×Kt	20	B—Kt 4
3	Kt—Q B 3	3	Kt—K B 3	21	P—Q Kt 3	21	P—R 4
4	B—K Kt 5	4	B—K 2	22	P—R 4	22	B—R 3
5	P—K 5	5	K Kt—Q 2	23	K—Q 2	23	Kt—B 5 ch ?
6	P—K R 4	6	P—K R 3	24	P×Kt	24	R×P
7	B×B	7	Q×B	25	Q—K 3	25	R×R P
8	Kt—Kt 5	8	Kt—Kt 3	26	R×R	26	Q×R
9	P—Q B 3	9	P—R 3	27	R—Q B 1	27	B—B 5
10	Kt—Q R 3	10	P—Q B 4	28	Kt—B 4	28	R—R 3
11	Kt—B 2	11	B—Q 2	29	Q—Q B 3	29	P—Q Kt 4
12	Q—Kt 4	12	Castles	30	R—Q R 1	30	Q—Kt 6
13	Kt—K 2	13	P—B 3	31	Q×Q	31	B×Q
14	Kt—B 4	14	P—B 4	32	Kt—Q 3	32	P—R 5
15	Q—Kt 3	15	R—B 1	33	Kt—B 5	33	R—B 3
16	B—K 2	16	Kt—B 3	34	B—K 8	34	R—B 2
17	Kt—Kt 6	17	Q—K 1	35	B×P	35	Resigns
18	B—R 5	18	P×P				

GAME No. 5,574.

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2	Kt—K B 3	2	Kt—Q B 3	24	Kt—B 5	24	Q—R 1
3	B—Kt 5	3	P—Q R 3	25	Q R—K 1	25	B—B 1
4	B—R 4	4	Kt—B 3	26	Q—K 2	26	Q—B 3
5	Castles	5	P—Q Kt 4 ?	27	R—K 7 ch	27	R×R
6	B—Kt 3	6	B—Kt 2	28	Q×R ch	28	K—Kt 3
7	Kt—Kt 5	7	P—Q 4	29	P—Q Kt 3	29	P—R 5
8	P×P	8	Kt—Q R 4	30	Kt—Q 3	30	Q—Q 3
9	R—K 1	9	B—Q 3	31	Q—K 3	31	R—Q 1
10	P—Q 4	10	P—K 5	32	P—Q 5	32	K—B 2
11	Kt×K P	11	Kt×Kt	33	K—R 1	33	P—Kt 4
12	R×Kt ch	12	K—B 1	34	Q—K 4	34	K—Kt 2
13	Q B—B 4	13	Kt×B	35	P—B 4	35	P—B 3
14	B×B ch	14	Q×B	36	P×Kt P	36	P×Kt P
15	R P×Kt	15	B×P	37	Q—Q 4 ch	37	K—Kt 1
16	R—K 5	16	P—K B 3	38	R—K 5	38	Q—Kt 3
17	R—K 3	17	P—K R 4	39	Q—K 3	39	B—B 4
18	Kt—B 3	18	B—Kt 2	40	Kt—Kt 4	40	R—K B 1
19	Kt—K 4	19	Q—Q 4	41	Kt×B P	41	B—K 3
20	P—K B 3	20	R—K 1	42	Kt—K 7 ch	42	K—R 2
21	Q—Q 2	21	K—B 2	43	Kt×Q	43	R—B 8 ch
22	P—Q B 4	22	P×P	44	Q—Kt 1	44	Resigns

PROBLEM WORLD

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BRITISH CHESS PROBLEM SOCIETY.

AWARD IN THE FOUR-MOVE SECTION OF THE FOURTH INTERNATIONAL TOURNEY.

Forty problems were entered in the Four-move Section of the Tourney. Of these nineteen were found faulty by the judges, and two (Nos. 32 and 33) proved to be conditional problems and were cancelled. Only one four-mover (No. 12) was used by the Society for solving purposes. Apart from the prize problems and No. 12, the other entries are at the disposal of their authors, who may use them for competition in other tourneys if desired.

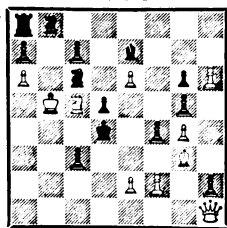
Competitors' Names.—No. 1, Dr. J. Kreijcik; 2 and 11, A. van Geen; 3 and 4, A. W. Daniel; 5, 6 and 7, M. Bukofzer; 8 and 9, A. Aberblom; 10 and 21, Dr. E. Palkoska; 12, P. Keirans; 13, R. Ernst; 14, 15 and 16, F. Pecknik; 17, J. Schöler; 18, M. Nieuemeyer; 19, B. J. de Andrade; 20, K. Erlin; 22 and 23, L. B. Salkind; 24, 25 and 26, J. Wittekind; 27, G. Sardos; 28 and 29, K. A. L. Kubbel; 30, V. Marin; 31, R. Svoboda; 32 and 33, G. Brand; 34, A. W. Mongredin; 35, W. F. Wynn; 36, W. Seib; 37, K. Hannemann; 38, H. Ott; 39, J. Moller; 40, V. de Barbieri.

The following problems were cooked: No. 3, R e7; 11, Kt g5; 13, Q d6; 16, B d4 in two; 17, B b8 in three; 20, B f6 in three; 22, K g4; 23, Q a1; 27, P×e7; 35, Q d3 ch; and 36, Kt (f) any. Nos. 12, 15, 25 and 26 had no solution. Nos. 6, 7 and 24 have serious duals in mainplay.

The award will remain open for two months to allow for objections. A copy thereof will be mailed to each competitor. The award in the Three-move Section will be published later.

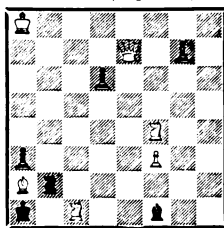
Four-move Section.

First Prize. No. 29.
By K. A. L. KUBBEL.
BLACK (13 pieces)



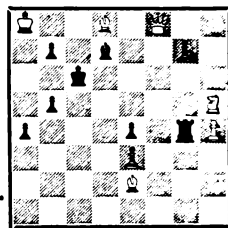
WHITE (10 pieces)
Mate in four.

Second Prize. No. 21.
By Dr. E. PALKOSKA.
BLACK (6 pieces)



WHITE (6 pieces)
Mate in four.

Third Prize.
By Dr. E. PALKOSKA.
BLACK (9 pieces)



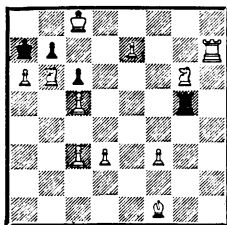
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Mate in four.

Special Prize.

No. 37.

By K. HANNEMANN.

BLACK (4 pieces)



WHITE (11 pieces)

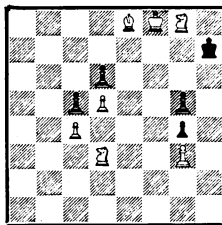
Mate in four.

First & Second Hon. Men.

Ex æquo. No. 1.

By Dr. J. KREIJEIK.

BLACK (5 pieces)



WHITE (7 pieces)

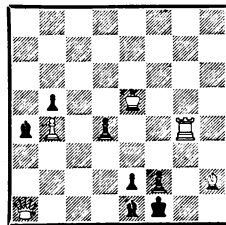
Mate in four.

First & Second Hon. Men

Ex æquo. No. 34.

By A. W. MONGREDIN.

BLACK (7 pieces)



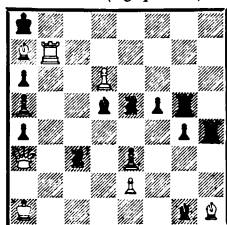
WHITE (5 pieces)

Mate in four.

Third Hon. Men. No. 38.

By H. OTT.

BLACK (13 pieces)



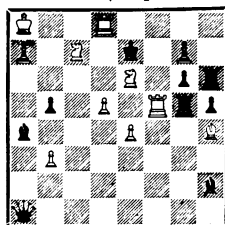
WHITE (7 pieces)

Mate in four.

Fourth Hon. Men. No. 18.

By M. NIEMEYER.

BLACK (11 pieces)



WHITE (9 pieces)

Mate in four.

COMMENTS.

In the following comments the first paragraph in each case was drawn up by Mr. G. F. Anderson, and approved by Dr. Niels Hoeg. The second is a supplemental addition by the latter.

No. 29. Having regard to the fact that strategical problems are receiving separate recognition in this tourney, I am inclined to think that this problem has most to recommend it on all grounds, strategical and otherwise. The key, though poor, is a lot better than in many of the entries. The author has knit together four model mates, and though it is true that two of these belong to the class known as "lazy" models, yet the effect is very pleasing, particularly when the White Pawn mates on g5. The construction must have been fraught with many pitfalls, and I consider that the author has very successfully evaded them.

The prettily invented and funny Pawn-walk from e2 to g5 gives this problem a plus to the rest of its good contents.

No. 21. A dainty rendering of a pretty echoed theme. The construction is light and airy and the key is not at all bad. In addition to the echoed models there is other pretty play when the Black Knight moves.

The theme is here grounded with extraordinary elegance in the construction.

No. 10. The double obstruction of the Black Rook by the Bishop is very cleverly worked out, and I found the sacrifices of the Knight most unexpected and subtle. The construction appears to be quite good.

The four preventive line obstructions make a very good "contents"; but it is a pity that one of them (Be6) leads to a short variation.

No. 37. This is a very interesting and novel study in White Pawn promotion, and though the latter theme in these days of highly complex strategy may not be considered especially strategic, we have got to consider here as well the manner in which the different promotions are induced. The interferences of the Black Rook at d7, f7, g7 and e2 strike me not only as being very novel, but very ingenious, and the fact that they take place both laterally and diagonally lends additional interest to the theme.

The quadrupling of the mate setting—well known from the Indian theme (line obstruction and following discovered mate)—is here combined with Pawn promotion in an ingenious way, so that one and the same White Pawn, promoted to B—B—S—R, appears as obstruction-piece on the four interference squares. It deserves notice that the two themes are really organically combined, because the Pawn promotion is motivated by the line obstruction. On account of that, and because the Pawn promotion to Queen appears in the problem, which for that reason also is an example of fourfold promotion, one forgives the bad key.

Nos. 1 and 34. Each of these problems is a perfect rendering of its particular theme so that I am unable to choose between them. The former contains some very clever retreat play with the Bishop, the latter shows the White King also fleeing for no apparent purpose from the field of action. Just why he should make g7 his ultimate destination becomes gloriously apparent after the Queen's move to f6, which is followed by a pin-model mate. No. 1 has some good third moves, notably after 2... K h5 when the position resolves itself into a complete waiter.

Here (No. 1) is Herlin's theme combined with a tempo-variation; it is a defect that the theme variation 2... K h7 is less valuable in formal regard.

No. 34. A very prettily made line clearance, yet the problem is extremely easy to solve and rather skeleton-like in character.

No. 38. This really belongs to the strategical class and though there is only one line of play, the sequence of the moves in it, and the interferences, are so good as to deserve some recognition. I wondered whether it was possible to have a defence here resulting in the interchanging of the last two White moves 3 Q h8 ch and 4 R h7 ch, but I may be straying from the theme.

Two successful interferences with critical moves, the one Black, the other Black-White.

No. 18. Here we have the Plachutta theme combined with two symmetrical variations and anti-critical moves; another purely strategical theme. The construction is somewhat laboured.

A problem that deserves notice on account of the strategy.

The award in the Three-move Section will, it is hoped, be given next month.

The Society's annual general meeting was fixed for 31st October, a report of which will be given in our next issue, when the conditions of new problem and solving competitions will be announced.

Le Problème d'Echecs. by Alain C. White and Georges Renaud.

We have received from the library of *La Stratégie* this work, which deals with schools, species and solution of problems, illustrated by 120 examples. We have not space this month to deal properly with its instructive contents, and reserve this until next month. Meanwhile we can recommend all who take an interest in problems. So send a money order for two shillings to *La Stratégie*, 85 Faubourg taint-Denis 85, Paris Xe.

Dr. Feast, the author of that delightful book in Mr. A. C. White's Christmas series, *Simple Two-move Themes*, writes us in connection with our remarks upon his problem No. 2,528, as follows :—

Keeble's problem was selected by me for *Simple Two-move Themes* and appears there as No. 220, but it was so hopelessly uneconomical according to modern views that I proceeded to simplify it and sent the result to the *B.C.M.* I did not for one moment think that it would be considered original as far as the idea was concerned, but I certainly thought it was worth publishing for its simplicity of construction, all four mates are pure—two being model.

We agree, but confess something might have been acknowledged to the earlier author, such as "After Keeble." It is a very clever piece of artistic re-modelling. Dr. Feast sends us two other cases of a similar character which through want of space we must defer using until probably next month.

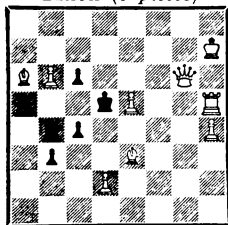
Problem No. 2,538, by M. Soukup (October). Though we gave this position as sent us by the author, we will ask our solvers to consider the Rook at K Kt 8 as being at K R 8. We will not now give the reason for the change.

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First and Second Prize (*ex æquo*).

By Dr. E. PALKOSKA.

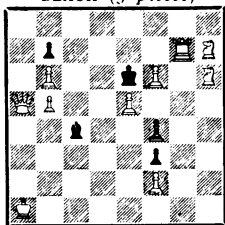
BLACK (6 pieces)



WHITE (9 pieces)
Mate in three.

By Dr. F. RDUCH.

BLACK (5 pieces)

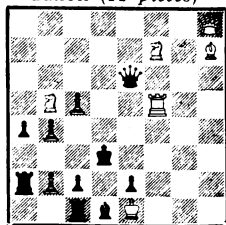


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Mate in three.

Third Prize.

By M. HAVEL.

BLACK (11 pieces)



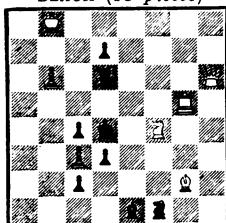
WHITE (6 pieces)
Mate in three.

Dr. Rduch has sent us a more economical version of his prize problem, the one above having been entered in the tourney in error. We will give this when the solution appears next month, as it would not be quite proper to make the substitution here.

Fourth Prize.

By J. SCHEEL.

BLACK (10 pieces)



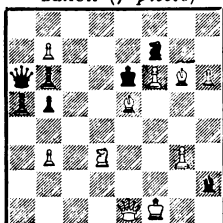
WHITE (5 pieces)
Mate in three.

Fifth Prize.

By I. C. HENRIKSEN and

B. KNUDSEN.

BLACK (7 pieces)

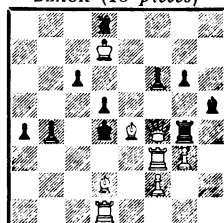


WHITE (10 pieces)
Mate in three.

Hon. Mention.

By Dr. F. RDUCH.

BLACK (10 pieces)



WHITE (8 pieces)
Mate in three.

THE "CHANGE-MATE" OR "MUTATE."

We not infrequently receive from solvers—some good ones too—comments upon the problems appearing in our pages wrongly stressing certain positions as being "Change-mates." Solvers are not alone in misconceiving the technical distinction between block problems of one or two classes with those in which the subtle characteristic of the "Change-mate" are accentuated. The designation "Change-mate" however, in itself may be responsible for some misunderstanding, and we do not consider the term is a sufficiently comprehensive epithet. For this reason we prefer to adopt the word "Mutate," as suggested by Mr. Brian Harley, the popular chess editor of the London *Observer*. It may not exactly express all that could be desired, but it does furnish an appellation which conflicts with nothing else in chess realism. With usage it should become as commonplace as the terms "Mirror Mate," "Model Mate" and the like.

In *La Stratégie*, a French composer, F. Lazard, has this year contributed in two instalments some three dozen miniature two-movers under the title of "Du thème Blocus," from which it would appear from the comments made thereon, they are of the "Change-mate" or "Mutate" order, but on examination one finds that a few of them are of the "Block-threat" and "Added-mate" variety.

In a London weekly, *The Inquirer* (last June), the chess editor gives the following incomplete explanation:—

A "Change-mate" problem is one where if Black had to move at once he would be mated, and White (having to move) has to find another mating position.

A better description was recently given by the chess editor of *The Grantham Journal*:—

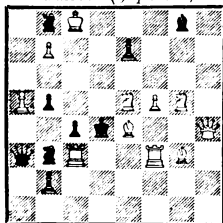
The "Mutate" is one of the purest forms of the problem art, and the difficulties facing the composer are tremendous. It really consists of two problems on one diagram, for White can reply with a mate on the move should Black move first; but White must make the first move, and the beauty and subtlety of the theme is shown in the adroitness with which 'set' mates are abandoned and others substituted.

The following examples will, we hope, make the matter clear to many of our correspondents who have written upon the doubts they have experienced.

A.

By A. MARI,
L'Alfiere di Re (1924).

BLACK (9 pieces)



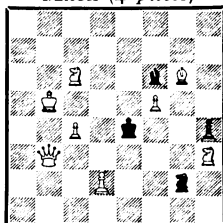
WHITE (11 pieces)

Mate in two.

B.

By J. COLPA,
Amsterdamer
Weekblad (1901).

BLACK (4 pieces)



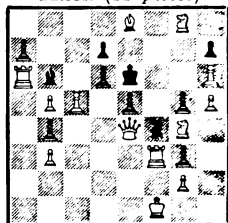
WHITE (8 pieces)

Mate in two.

C.

By M. RIEDL,
Niederfränkische
Arbeiter Schachzeitung.

BLACK (11 pieces)



WHITE (13 pieces)

Mate in two.

With regard to A. and B. it can be claimed for each of them that their principal feature is the changed mates, yet neither of them are

“Mutates.” A. obviously is not as it is “threat” in its direction, but the defences of 1., B—K 3 ch and 1., Q—B 4 ch can in the position as it stands be respectively met by 2 Kt×B and 2 B—B 6. These mating moves have, however, to be forfeited and others created in their place by the key-move 1 Q—R 8. In the case of B, which is a block, if White could make a pure waiting move, Black would reply 1., B—B 6, so White in providing for this, makes a move to command his K B 3 diagonally, thus giving up the mate 2 Q—K 3 on Black Knight moving and preparing new mates in its stead. This problem also fails to qualify as a “Mutate.”

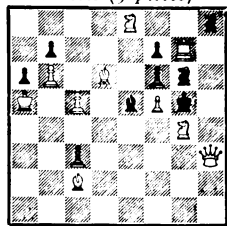
C. is simply an "Added-mate" two-mover. That is, a block arrangement which could comfortably be solved if an insipid waiting move was practicable. For instance, if the White King was fixed at K R 1 then 1 R—B 1 would suffice (in addition to the author's intended key) but no such waiting coup can be made excepting one which will give the defence more liberty, meaning in this case added but not changed mates. This position has for some reason or other been referred to as a "Change-mate." Of course it is nothing of the sort!

D. is really, as we recently pointed out, a three-mover with an added continuation, equal to an added mate, yet an eminent composer and writer sent the position to us as an illustration of "Change-mate" strategy in three-movers.

The four specimens given above and the explanatory remarks we have endeavoured to make thereon indicate the desirability of an alteration in the term "Change-mate," and as no better alternative has been suggested than "Mutate," we should like to see the latter accepted, which would crush out ambiguity and prevent the risk of cross purposes in the future.

D.

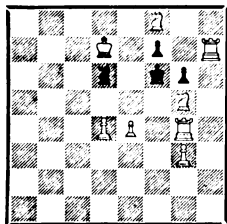
By Dr. G. KAISER,
Saxon Chess Association
Tourney, 1925.
BLACK (9 pieces)



WHITE (10 pieces)
Mate in three.

E.

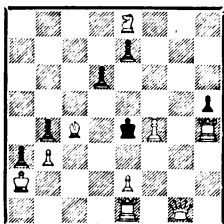
By ARTHUR MOSELY,
(Brisbane).
(Original).



WHITE (8 *pieces*)
Mate in two.

F.

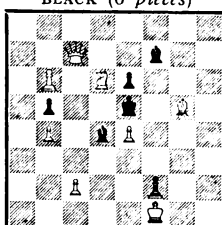
By H. D'O. BERNARD,
Western Morning Post
(1903).



WHITE (9 *pieces*)
Mate in two.

G.

By H. VAN BECK,
*Tijdschrift van den
Nederland Schaakbond
Tourney.*



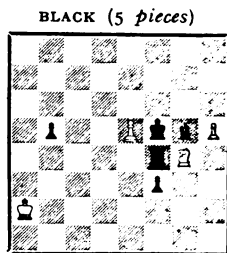
WHITE (8 *pieces*)
Mate in three.

Positions E. F. and G. are included here to illustrate the true "Mutate." E has been contributed specially to the *B.C.M.* If White had just played, then Black would have to move his Knight when 2 R×P mates, but it is White who has to lead and nothing but a key-move which changes the after effect and opens up other defences will answer the stipulation. We give F. as a classic; it has an irresistible charm and its solving will give much pleasure—it is unlike many others of the category, free from complexity and the mate changed is a "model" excepting, as we find in the Bristol line of strategy, the key-moving piece is inoperative in the after phases of the solution, the very gist of the scheme. G. is a case of a "Mutate" three-mover. There is not a large number of such problems from which to make a selection. Here, if Black were to move, White has in hand successful continuations, but there is nothing he can do to preserve the *status in quo* and the key-move must consequently relinquish a *prima facie* continuation, at the same time be one which takes precautionary measures to cope with the defence which is thus affected.

To sum up, a "Mutate" or "Change-mate" is a problem where on its face if Black had to move, White could effect the prescribed mate, but as White has to play first and there are no means of idly tarrying, at the same time preserving intact the initial domination, a disruption must occur, which means that one or more of the set mates in a "Block" two-mover or continuations in a longer problem must be forsaken and in place fresh effective operations evolved. No problem other than one which could be solved by a pure waiting-move, if such were available, but requires a key-move altering one or more of the set mates whilst retaining its "block" character is a "Mutate" or "Change-mate."

Some of the problems quoted here have recently appeared in the *B.C.M.*, but to save our readers the trouble of referring to back numbers, we think it considerate to repeat them.

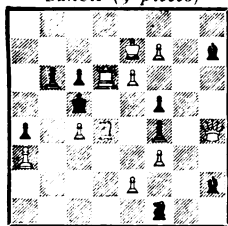
Mr. C. H. Brockelbank has sent us the annexed position, illustrating an economical rendering with a model mate of the "Help-Mate" by L. Schor and J. R. Neukomm, which we reproduced at page 399. Probably these authors may not agree with the re-modelling, but we give the new version as an interesting item in construction. Mr. Brockelbank is conscious of the fact that in this new rendering difficulty of solving almost disappears.



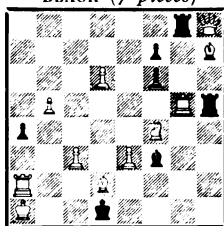
Black to play and help
White to mate in four

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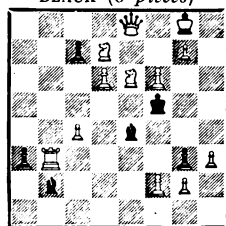
First Prize.

By N. K. MALACHOFF.
BLACK (9 pieces)WHITE (10 pieces)
Mate in three.

Second Prize.

By F. SIMCHOWITCH.
BLACK (7 pieces)WHITE (11 pieces)
Mate in three.

Third Prize.

By N. K. MALACHOFF.
BLACK (6 pieces)WHITE (12 pieces)
Mate in three.

Fourth prize, J. Chocholous; fifth, F. Simchowich; sixth, Dr. E. Palkoska.

SOLVERS' SCORE—"LADDER" COMPETITION.

Problems (September) 2,531 to 2,534 inclusive.

*Dr. Tennant Bruce (100) 5-5-10-10 (130); L. W. Cafferata (130); *R. W. Clark (Canada) (155); J. Chadwick (Sydney) (100); †A. Cannell (420) 5-5-0-10 (440); *W. H. Cutland (555) 5-5-10-10 (585); J. W. Davis (220 + 20 August = 240); *J. C. Derlien (170) 5-5-10-10 (200); Rev. A. S. Dean (400); R. J. Darval (Albara, Sudan) (95) 5-5-10-10 (125); J. Erpinosaf (Barcelona) (40); *C. Folley (520); A. Galbraith (135); **Albert Haddy (515) 5-5-10-10 (545); †W. F. Herbert (20); Rev. F. O'D. Hoare (580) 5-5-0-10 (600); ††G. Stillingfleet Johnson (95) 5-5-10-20 (135); N. V. Joshi (Pusa, India) (0); †Frederick Lee (210) 5-5-10-20 (250); *J. A. Lewis (490 + 40 August = 530) 5-5-10-10 (560); *Hubert Lees (Auckland) (0); T. N. R. Leistikow (285); D. Murray (505); *Johannes Neilson (Ribe, Denmark) (325) 5-5-20-10 (365); †A. Peacock (110) 5-5-10-10 (140); E. W. Punnett (300) 5-0-0-0 (305); T. Rosenfield (455) 5-5-0-10 (475); W. H. Rawlings (Montreal) (50); Rev. J. Schipper (275) 5-5-10-10 (305); F. W. Syberg (185); O. L. Telling (Monte Carlo) (110); "Tiro" (Ribe, Denmark) (550) 5-5-10-10 (580); R. G. Tyzack (205) 5-5-10-20 (245); A. C. Vaughan (355) 5-5-10-10 (385); Rev. E. Wells (260) 0-5-10-10 (285); W. A. Way (Malay States) (355); H. A. Warwell (85) 5-5-10-10 (115).

The Rev. F. D'O. Hoare has succeeded in earning the Order of the Asterisk by his September total of 600. We hope to record a second success ere long.

SOLUTIONS.

No. 2,351, by P. ten Cate.—1 R—Kt 2. Light and easy. Here we have a mate changed, and a dual obliterated by the key-move through the cross-checks. There are only three mates.

No. 2,352, by K. S. Howard.—1 Kt—Kt 2. The self-pinning and unpinning with the uncommon mates are nice features, but they seem to require a heavy load to present the idea.

No. 2,353, by L. B. Salkind.—1 Q—Kt 5, P—Q 5; 2 Kt—Q 8. If 1..., Kt—B 5; 2 Q—Kt 7 ch. If 1..., K Kt else; 2 Q×Kt P ch. If 1 Kt—B 4; 2 Kt—Q 4. If 1..., others; 2 K—B 7. This fails as after 1..., P—Q 5, 2 Kt—Q 8, B—Kt 6 ch. Solved by 1 Q—Kt 7 ch, K×P; 2 K—B 7, a great pity!

No. 2,354, by J. Cauveren.—1 Kt—B 5, P×R; 2 Kt—K 3 ch. If 1..., R—Q 5 or ×P, K—K 3 or B—B 5; 2 Q—B 7 ch. Solved also by 1 Q—B 7 ch, K—K 5; 2 Kt×B dis ch. The second move of the cook will no doubt be a surprise to the author.

By O. Duras (p. 436).—1 R—Kt 3, P×R; 2 Q×Q Kt P. If 1..., P—B 6; 2 R×P. If 1..., P—K 6; 2 Q—K 7. If 1..., others; 2 Q—Q 5 ch. Four fine continuations leading in each case to pleasing models. This is an instance where a set line of play (namely 1..., K×R; 2 B—Kt 6 ch) with a model mate is cut out by the key and a new continuation created.

By O. Duras (p. 436).—1 R—Q B 4, P×R; 2 Q—B 5 ch. If 1..., P—Q 3, 2 R—B 5. If 1..., P—Q 5; 2 P×P ch. If 1..., Kt—B 2; 2 Kt×Kt ch. If 1..., others; 2 Q—Q 6 ch. Mr. C. H. Brockelbank has cooked this by 1 Q—B 5 and 1 B—K 7.

By H. Vetter (p. 437).—1 B—K R 6, Q—K B 8; 2 Kt—K 1, Kt×Kt (if 2..., Q×Kt or Kt else; 3 P—K B 4 ch); 3 P—Q B 4. If 1..., B—B 1; 2 Kt—K 3, B—Kt 7 ch; 3 K×B. If 1..., Q—Q B 8; 2 P—Q B 4, Q—Kt 4 or ×B; 3 Q—Q 5 ch. If 1..., B—K 2; 2 P—K B 4 ch, etc. The quiet main play ending with a surprise model is cleverly designed, the mate with Queen at Q R 1 reminding one of Dobrusky's famous four-move "Merry-go-round." The try 1 B—Q 7 is very tempting; it is defeated by 1..., B—Kt 1.

By Dr. G. Kaiser (p. 437).—1 Kt—Kt 7, Q R×Kt; 2 R—Q 6, P Queens (if 2..., R—Kt 4, Q 1 or 2; 3 B—R 7 ch); 3 Kt—Kt 4 ch. If 1..., K R×Kt; 2 B—R 7, P—B 6 (if 2..., R—R 4 or Kt 4; 3 R—Kt 7 dis ch); 3 R—Q 6 dis ch. If 1..., R—R 4; 2 Kt—Kt 4 ch, K×P; 3 R—Q 6 ch. If 1..., B—R 6; 2 R—Q 6. Composers seldom nowadays present four-movers in which the key-move threatens instant mate, and when they are met with they are usually pretty easy to solve. This problem, though the first move appears to be the right one, is confusing and is in the style favoured by the late J. Densmore—quite strategic.

By E. Baumgarten (p. 437).—1 R—B 5, R×R; 2 P—K 8 (Kt), P—B 3; 3 B—Q 1. If 1..., P—B 3 or B—Q 4; 2 B—Q 1 or B×B. If 1..., others; 2 R—R 4 ch, Kt×R; 3 Kt—B 4 ch. When 1 R—K Kt 1, B—Q 1 and Pawn becomes a Knight are tried and the effects ascertained, the actual line of play is not particularly difficult to trace. The conception is good, but the construction is laboured and is not redeemed by a single model.

By J. Bunting (p. 437).—1 Q—Q B 3. The King and Bishop battery has been a great favourite with two-move composers, consequently originality is difficult of attainment. This has a point or two which seems to be new and certainly interesting.

By B. J. de C. Andrade (p. 438).—1 Kt×P. A "Mutate" on small lines and not by any means a fair representation of the skill of this composer. One must not overlook the added mates, which are rather unexpected.

By R. G. Thomson (p. 438).—1 R—R 5. A capital threat two-mover. The variety is not considerable but piquant. The three duals are small affairs. The Black Pawn at Q B 2 does not seem necessary.

By B. J. de C. Andrade (p. 438).—1 Kt—B 5. A well-constructed problem with nice variety and a model after 1... B×R. This Bishop also stops a cook by 1 R—Q 7 ch. We should have preferred the moving Knight being stationed at Q 6, the key-move then giving a flight and changing the mate after 1... Q—K 5 ch.

No. 5 (B.C.P.S. Tourney) (p. 438).—1 R—Q 1, B—K 7; 2 B×P. If 1... P—B 4 dis ch; 2 Q×Q ch. If 1... B—B 4; 2 Kt×P ch. If 1... B×Kt; 2 Kt×B. The key-move causes a change in the continuation after 1... P—B 4 dis ch, but the new play is not inspiring with an exchange of Queens to effect the pinned mate. Probably the best line is that which follows 1... B—K 7, introducing a block two-mover. 1 B—B 4 brings out a double pin-mate, making the entirety a strategic piece of work. The passive Knight impairs the economy.

No. 6 (Do.) (p. 438).—1 Q—R 7, P—Q 3; 2 R—Q 5 ch. If 1... R—K, Q or B 1, or B—Q 4; 2 Kt—Kt 6 ch. If 1... B—K 1 or R 4; 2 Q—B 5 ch. If 1... others; 2 Q—B 7 ch. The threat and two of the defences lead to four model mates given by the Pawn, Knights and Rook are ingeniously blended. The key is a good one, but not difficult to find.

No. 7 (Do.) (p. 438).—1 Q—B 8, Kt—Kt 6; 2 Kt—B 4 ch. If 1... Q×Kt or R; 2 Q—Q 6 ch. If 1... R×R; 2 Q—Kt 8 ch. If 1... K×R; 2 Kt—Kt 4 dis ch. If 1... Kt—B 4; 2 Q—Q B 5 ch. If 1... others; 2 Q—Q 6 ch. The "obtrusive" Bishop we think should have been avoided. There are some strategic strokes here including the key-move. The three model mates are most unexpected in such a congested position.

No. 8 (Do.) (p. 438).—1 P—Q 4, R×P; 2 P×R. If 1... K—B 6; 2 R—R 2. If 1... others; 2 Q—Kt 2. A tricky little study. The key gives the Black King four flight squares. The defence of R×P is followed by an unlooked for reply, resulting in a model, though not a picturesque one. Perhaps the best continuation is after 1... K—B 6.

By Dr. von Gottschall (p. 439).—1 R—B 8, B×R; 2 Q—Kt 8! If 1... R×R; 2 Q×R ch. If 1... B×Q; 2 B×B dis ch. If 1... Kt—B 4; 2 B—R 4 dis ch. When this is compared with Grimshaw's two-mover on the same page one is perplexed to understand the honour accorded to this three-mover, as it lacks originality in its outstanding main-play. True there are one or two other features introduced, but not of that importance to justify the distinction of being on a prize list.

By O. Dehler (p. 439).—1 R—R 3, R×B; 2 R—B 3. If 1... R—K 5 or Kt×P; 2 R—Q 3 ch. We fail to see anything special in this. The key threatens immediate mate and Black has virtually one defence in the annihilation of the Queen's Bishop, and though the reply is neat it is not very satisfactory.

By Dr. von Gottschall (p. 439).—1 B—R 5, R×B; 2 Q—Kt 3 ch. If 1... K—B 3; 2 Q—Kt 5 ch. If 1... P—K 4; 2 B—B 7 ch. If 1... B×P or others; 2 Q—K R 1 ch. A nicely-constructed position with interesting play, but one has a suspicion that its general scheme has been in a measure anticipated.

By W. Grimshaw (p. 439).—1 Q—Kt 8. An old English classic, showing how in certain cases the Rook and Bishop are more powerful than the Queen.

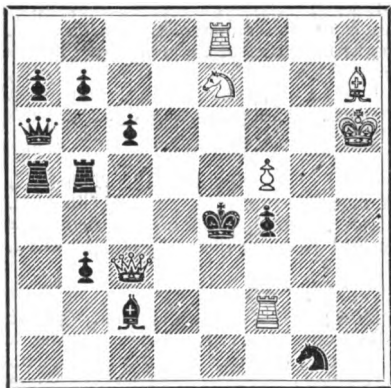
By J. Keeble (p. 440).—1 Q—R 1. When this was first published in 1888 we believe the author humorously dubbed it the "Reine drop."

ORIGINAL PROBLEMS.

No. 2,538.

By W. LANGSTAFF
(London).

BLACK (11 pieces)



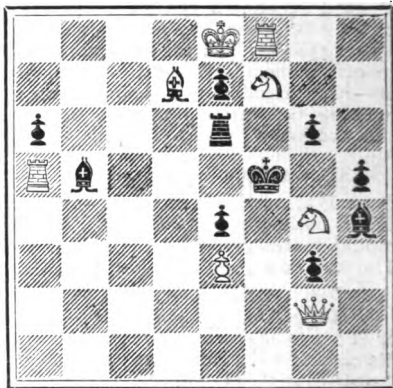
WHITE (7 pieces)

White mates in two moves.

No. 2,529.

By E. BOSWELL
(Lancaster)

BLACK (10 pieces)



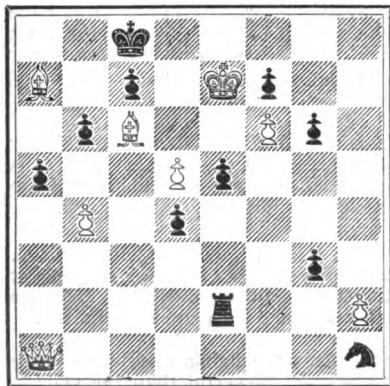
WHITE (8 pieces)

White mates in two moves.

No. 2,530.

By K. A. L. KUBBEL
(Leningrad).

BLACK (11 pieces)



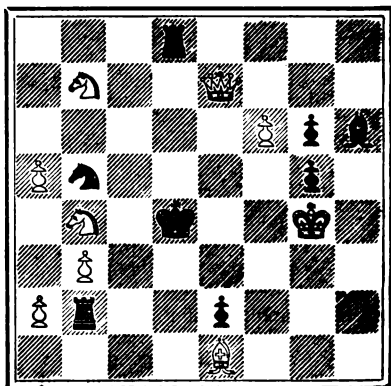
WHITE (8 pieces)

White mates in three moves.

No. 2,531.

By J. VESTA
(Pecky).

BLACK (8 pieces)



WHITE (9 pieces)

White mates in three moves.

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DEATH OF AMOS BURN.

Chessplayers all over the world will regret to hear that the well-known Chess Editor of *The Field* died in his flat at Luxemburg Gardens, Hammersmith, on November 25th, after a stroke the previous day, at the age of seventy-seven.

We regret that as our December magazine is already paged we must leave an obituary notice and an appreciation of all he has done for Chess till next month.

THE WORLD TOUR OF A CHESS MASTER.

Boris Kostich is still continuing his two years' world tour and returns to Jugoslavia by way of Manila, Hong Kong, Shanghai, Japan and Vladivostock. Reports from Australia, where he visited three States as a chess missionary and was everywhere received with enthusiasm, show "a great impetus" given to the British game. New Zealand records "new life infused" by his tour, no European master having visited those shores since Von der Lasa came in 1887. Thence proceeding to the Union of South Africa, Kenya and Nairobi, he met all and sundry in matches and simultaneous and blindfold exhibitions. In blindfold play he has up to date played over two hundred games in his tour without a loss, except one game at Nairobi, in which, according to the press report a mistake was made as to a move called. Kostich, who of course, is well acquainted with the Argentine and South American chess fields, is inclined to rank Dr. Max Blieden, of Johannesburg, as the finest player in the Southern hemisphere.

His campaign in India enabled him to form an up-to-date impression of the Indian players. No one in India he finds to be on the level of Kishanlal, the Agra professional player, who succeeded in making a score of 9 wins, 6 draws and 25 losses out of 40 games with the Jugoslavian expert; Joshi being next in strength. Chess owes much to the Maharaja of Patiala, who took the opportunity of Kostich's visit to test the best Indian players against him. After a call at the Malayan headquarters, three months were spent in touring the chess fields of Java and Sumatra, and meeting both Dutch and Asiatic players. The famous Batak players, Si Tumbok and Si Hukum, were brought to the test of first-class play. The verdict here is that both are unquestionably superior to any of the Dutch players, and that Si Narsar the third in rank of the Batak exponents is not much inferior to Meyer or Blaykmanns. Si Tumbuk, who obtained a score

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of one win, two draws and two losses, would rank as one of the strongest second-class masters, if not higher. Strong positional sense, solidity and accuracy in the management of the regular modern openings were noted. The Batak Opening, 1 P—K 4, P—K 4; 2 Kt—K B 3, Kt—Q B 3; 3 P—Q 3, Kt—K B 3; 4 P—Q B 4, followed by 5 B—K 2 was played occasionally against him.

In Singapore, exhibitions were given with such a stimulating effect both in the Singapore Chess Club and at the Chinese "Garden Club" that a memorial booklet containing some of the games is being issued. The readiness of Kostich in giving explanations to all and always doing more than he was asked, was admired as much as his knowledge and astonishing mental efforts.

Boris Kostich can claim that he is the first chess master to make a tour of the chess world in a really comprehensive way, and the *B.C.M.* as organ of the chess of the Empire, records with satisfaction these awakening effects of his prolonged campaign among British players of the outlying parts of the earth.

NEWS FROM THE BRITISH ISLES

Southern Counties Chess Union and Montague-Jones Cup Competition.—Somerset and Gloucester played their first match in these competitions at Bristol on October 24th. Gloucester chess has witnessed a revival in the last twelve months and a good team took the field, which only failed by 1 point to beat the holders of the Montague-Jones cup. The match was played 23 a-side, the first 16 counting for the competitive events. Full score:—

SOMERSET.				GLOUCESTERSHIRE.			
1	Capt. P. D. Bolland	.. ..	I	H. P. Parsbo	.. ..	..	0
2	H. Parsons	.. ..	*0	C. Welch	.. ..	..	*I
3	Rev. E. W. Poynton	.. ..	I	C. Mansfield	.. ..	..	0
4	L. C. Seymour	.. ..	$\frac{1}{2}$	Rev. H. R. Barry	.. ..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$
5	R. M. Norman	.. ..	$\frac{1}{2}$	D. S. Hole	.. ..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$
6	G. Breakwell	.. ..	$\frac{1}{2}$	S. W. Viveash	.. ..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$
7	F. R. Hill	.. ..	$\frac{1}{2}$	C. E. Jackman	.. ..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$
8	J. L. Palmer	.. ..	$\frac{1}{2}$	F. R. Rickman	.. ..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$
9	Comm. R. D. Graham	.. ..	0	C. E. Scutt	.. ..	..	I
10	B. T. Barker	.. ..	I	A. Martyn	.. ..	..	0
11	Rev. E. C. Mortimer	.. ..	0	H. Byrnes	.. ..	..	I
12	J. Blair	.. ..	*I	W. Arnold	.. ..	..	*0
13	F. Melhuish	.. ..	$\frac{1}{2}$	W. J. Matthews	.. ..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$
14	E. G. Rodway	.. ..	I	R. E. G. Smith	.. ..	..	0
15	H. Powell	.. ..	$\frac{1}{2}$	C. Sullivan	.. ..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$
16	W. Roberts	.. ..	0	G. W. Powell	.. ..	..	I
			8 $\frac{1}{2}$				7 $\frac{1}{2}$
17	Harold Dyson	.. ..	$\frac{1}{2}$	H. Foxwell	.. ..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$
18	J. D. Howell	.. ..	$\frac{1}{2}$	F. Merrick	.. ..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$
19	I. Kemp	.. ..	$\frac{1}{2}$	A. J. Nutt	.. ..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$
20	J. Aspden	.. ..	$\frac{1}{2}$	R. O. Platt	.. ..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$
21	Rev. E. P. Jones	.. ..	0	M. Brown	.. ..	..	I
22	A. D. Birks		$\frac{1}{2}$	A. C. Steadman		..	$\frac{1}{2}$
23	H. Powell		$\frac{1}{2}$	A. C. Chandler		..	$\frac{1}{2}$

II $\frac{1}{2}$

* After adjudication.

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On November 7th, Devon met Cornwall at St. Austell and won by 10 to 6.

DEVON.				CORNWALL.			
1	T. Taylor	..	0	H. A. Adamson	..	1	
2	H. V. Mallison	..	I	A. Ashby	..	0	
3	R. M. Bruce	..	*I	C. S. Varcoe	..	*0	
4	A. B. Treloar	..	I	W. Boxhall	..	0	
5	H. J. H. Cope	..	I	J. T. Walker	..	0	
6	H. J. Stretton	..	*½	J. M. Bear	..	*½	
7	F. Pitt-Fox	..	0	M. T. Willis	..	I	
8	Dr. L. Lander	..	I	J. B. Elcum	..	0	
9	Rev. A. Seymour	..	½	W. E. Grenfell	..	½	
10	W. Ball	..	I	F. Roberts	..	0	
11	M. Langdon	..	I	R. H. Martin	..	0	
12	Rev. J. Smith	..	0	H. T. Robinson	..	I	
13	A. H. Hart	..	*I	Admiral Nicholson	..	*0	
14	A. J. Evans	..	0	R. Lean	..	I	
15	W. J. Belam	..	0	J. Parsons	..	I	
16	A. S. Stoneman	..	I	W. H. Foott	..	0	
10				6			

* After adjudication.

Southern Counties Chess Union Championship (first 20) and Amboyna Shield Competition (50).

MIDDLESEX.				ESSEX.			
1	M. E. Goldstein	..	½	E. J. Price	..	½	
2	B. E. Siegheim	..	I	F. Nettleton	..	0	
3	J. Birnberg	..	I	E. W. Osler	..	0	
4	W. H. Regan	..	½	W. O. Woodfield	..	½	
5	A. E. Mercer	..	½	E. J. Randall	..	½	
6	W. E. Bonwick	..	0	E. G. Twitchett	..	I	
7	Dr. F. S. Duncan	..	I	H. A. Melvin	..	0	
8	J. W. Morling	..	0	G. A. Shoobridge	..	I	
9	R. C. Griffith	..	I	G. Freeman	..	0	
10	R. F. Goldstein	..	I	E. W. Hart	..	0	
11	J. H. Morrison	..	I	W. H. Taylor	..	0	
12	R. Eastman	..	I	E. A. Sanders	..	0	
13	S. P. J. Merlin	..	½	C. A. Thorogood	..	½	
14	F. W. Boff	..	I	F. A. Sisley	..	0	
15	G. P. Kitchener	..	I	J. G. Hayes	..	0	
16	K. G. Jayne	..	0	F. J. Whitmarsh	..	I	
17	W. Jones	..	0	Aylmer Maude	..	I	
18	A. G. Kershaw	..	½	R. H. Bayley	..	½	
19	C. E. Ford	..	½	J. Allchin	..	½	
20	E. Billen	..	I	B. J. Mumford	..	0	
Total for Championship 13				7			
21	E. H. Hoare	..	0	R. C. Harvey	..	I	
22	J. A. Miles	..	I	F. D. Downton	..	0	
23	A. M. Ewbank	..	I	E. Gare	..	0	
24	E. M. Jellie	..	½	W. G. Elsmore	..	½	
25	T. E. Cadby	..	I	W. E. Evans	..	0	
26	C. R. Witham	..	I	E. J. Gibbs	..	0	
27	L. Klein	..	0	S. Beeton	..	I	
28	S. Meymott	..	I	T. Stutchbery	..	0	
29	W. W. Brougham	..	½	E. R. Nickol	..	½	

MIDDLESEX	19	ESSEX	10
30 W. S. Wallis	0	V. Beeching Hall	1
31 F. Artis	0	H. E. Spenceley	1
32 F. Hooper	$\frac{1}{2}$	G. E. Scrivener	$\frac{1}{2}$
33 W. A. Simkins	1	H. H. Cudmore	0
34 E. A. Cave	1	R. E. Shepard	0
35 A. A. Kennedy	1	J. E. Brimley	0
36 C. E. Simon	1	E. J. Davis	0
37 W. Eldridge	0	L. T. Weaser	1
38 R. C. Pritchard	1	R. J. Drown	0
39 A. C. Sutton	$\frac{1}{2}$	T. H. Acton	$\frac{1}{2}$
40 M. Savage	1	P. Wheatley	0
41 S. B. Davies	1	H. A. Chappell	0
42 G. B. Quennell	1	R. W. Baylis	0
43 G. T. Jones	0	W. C. Waylen	1
44 B. T. Fawcett	1	R. Smith	0
45 T. E. Brown	1	H. W. Small	0
46 J. W. Moss	1	P. C. Rogers	0
47 S. F. Wallis	1	Miss Gorst	0
48 W. H. Hipkiss	1	W. F. Booker	0
49 H. R. Bowtell	0	A. E. Saunders	1
50 G. W. Johnson	0	C. P. Allen	1
Total for Amboyna Shield ..	33		17

It was agreed that the first twenty boards should decide the championship position of the match, and here Essex made quite a good show. At one time they were leading, and had the initial effort been sustained, the score would have been very close. The last hour, however, saw three or four promising positions drift into losses, and the final result gave Middlesex a heavy win.

A match in the S.C.C.U. Championship was played at St. Bride's Institute, London, E.C., on Saturday, November 21st, between Middlesex and Kent. At the request of Kent twenty-four a-side was played. Both Counties had good sides out, and although Middlesex soon took the lead, they never had a great deal to spare. At a high board the following position occurred: White—K at Q 3, Kt at K 4, P at Q 6, P at K B 6. Black—K at K B 2, R at Q R 5, P at Q Kt 4, P at Q R 3. Black played 1.., R×Kt; 2 K×R, K×P? (K—K 3 wins); 3 K—Q 5, P—Kt 5; 4 K—B 6, P—Kt 6; 5 K—B 7? (P—Q 7 wins), P—Kt 7 and a draw was agreed. The only excuse for such play was that it had been a strenuous game, and both were tired: it shows how want of concentration at any moment may let slip the winning position worked for for hours. A lesson in development was: 1 P—K 4, P—K 4; 2 B—B 4, Kt—K B 3; 3 P—Q 4, P×P; 4 Kt—K B 3, Kt×P; 5 Q×P, Kt—B 4 (Kt—K B 3 is better); 6 Castles, Kt—B 3; 7 R—K 1 ch, Kt—K 3; 8 Q—Kt 4, Kt—K 2?; 9 Kt—B 3, P—Q 4; 10 B—K Kt 5! P×B; 11 Q R—Q 1, B—Q 2; 12 Kt—K 5, Kt—Q B 4; 13 Q×P, Kt—K 3; 14 R×B and wins. The full score was as follows:

MIDDLESEX.					KENT.				
1	M. E. Goldstein	..	..	0	G. E. McCanlis	..	..	..	I
2	B. E. Sieghelm	..	..	I	O. C. Muller	..	..	..	0
3	H. Saunders	..	..	I	J. C. Waterman	..	..	..	0
4	V. Buerger	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	R. C. Noel Johnson	..	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$
5	J. Birnberg	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	E. Creswell	..	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$
6	R. C. Griffith	..	..	I	W. B. Dixon	..	..	..	0
7	W. H. Regan	..	..	0	H. Storr Best	..	..	..	I
8	A. E. Mercer	..	..	I	W. M. Brooke	..	..	..	0
9	Dr. F. S. Duncan	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	C. H. Lorch	..	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$
10	J. H. Morrison	..	..	I	G. Tregaskis	..	..	..	0
11	W. E. Bonwick	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	C. E. Taylor	..	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$
12	W. H. Watts	..	..	I	W. H. Dobinson	..	..	..	0
13	P. Healey	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	Major Sir Richard Barnett, M.P.	..	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$
14	F. Dark	..	..	I	Mrs. Stevenson	..	..	..	0
15	J. W. Morling	..	..	0	Mrs. Holloway	..	..	..	I
16	F. W. Boff	..	..	0	J. Sargent	..	..	..	I
17	S. P. J. Merlin	..	..	I	B. W. Hamilton	..	..	..	0
18	G. P. Kitchener	..	..	0	J. E. D. Moysey	..	..	..	I
19	E. Billen	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	G. O. Pratt	..	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$
20	A. G. Kershaw	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	H. B. Hodges	..	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$
21	W. Jones	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	F. J. Dennis	..	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$
22	V. Ray	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	F. W. Chambers	..	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$
23	J. A. Miles	..	..	0	S. G. Duffell	..	..	..	I
24	A. M. Ewbank	..	..	I	S. P. Lees	..	..	..	0
13 $\frac{1}{2}$					10 $\frac{1}{2}$				

On Saturday, the 7th November, fifty of Surrey chess players travelled down to Brighton to meet a similar number of Sussex players in the competition for the Amboyna Shield. The results of the first sixteen boards in this contest counted in the competition for the Southern Counties Chess Championship. The match took place in the Royal Pavilion, where the Surrey team was entertained most pleasantly by its hosts of Sussex. The results were:—

In the Championship Competition Surrey won by 10 games to 6.

In the fifty-a-side match, Sussex won a close contest by 26 games to 24. Full Score:—

SUSSEX.					SURREY.				
1	G. F. H. Packer	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	R. P. Michell	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	
2	G. M. Norman	..	..	0	H. B. Uber	..	..	1	
3	J. A. J. Drewitt	..	..	1	F. F. L. Alexander	..	..	0	
4	R. E. Lean	..	..	0	H. S. Barlow	..	..	1	
5	Rev. E. Griffiths	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	H. C. Griffiths	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	
6	J. Storr Best	..	..	0	L. P. Rees	..	..	1	
7	H. E. Dobell	..	..	1	G. A. Felce	..	..	0	
8	J. H. Jones	..	..	1	A. Curnock	..	..	0	
9	Dr. R. Dunstan	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	J. Butland	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	
10	H. L. Crawford	..	..	0	H. C. Felce	..	..	1	
11	W. Bridger	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	A. Fletcher	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	
12	J. A. Watt	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	E. W. Davies	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	
13	E. G. Reed	..	..	1	A. J. Spencer	..	..	1	
14	C. F. Chapman	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	P. Howell	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	
15	Miss Menchik	..	..	0	R. H. Birch	..	..	1	
16	G. V. Butler	..	..	0	G. F. Mitchell	..	..	1	
6					10				

SUSSEX				6	SURREY				10
17	Castle Leaver	..	..	0	F. C. Roberts	..	..	..	1
18	Dr. Varley	..	..	0	Dr. F. Steadman	..	..	..	1
19	A. Emery	..	..	1	Dr. Letchworth	..	..	..	0
20	W. H. King	..	..	0	F. E. Yewdall	..	..	..	1
21	H. W. Butler	..	..	1	E. Fletcher	..	..	..	0
22	J. Chandler	..	..	0	G. Wernick	..	..	..	1
23	P. J. Penney	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	Rev. A. C. Nichol	..	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$
24	E. E. Stockens	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	F. H. O. Jerram	..	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$
25	V. S. Ward	..	..	0	E. Titley	..	..	..	1
26	F. Thompson	..	..	1	C. R. Wilson	..	..	..	0
27	W. Beattie	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	A. D. Barlow	..	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$
28	Capt. J. R. Green	..	..	0	A. Vincent	..	..	..	1
29	T. Hamilton Miller	..	..	1	F. C. Felce	..	..	..	0
30	A. E. Smith	..	..	1	E. Henderson	..	..	..	0
31	D. H. Caw	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	J. S. Hopper	..	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$
32	A. T. Watson	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	Dr. E. G. Thomas	..	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$
33	J. P. Ingram	..	..	1	W. S. Bengé	..	..	..	0
34	Miss Ruchon	..	..	1	A. Bain	..	..	..	0
35	W. G. Watson	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	W. P. Willis	..	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$
36	E. A. Lewcock	..	..	1	W. C. Pressey	..	..	..	0
37	E. R. Willett	..	..	0	H. S. Anderson	..	..	..	1
38	Miss Musgrave	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	A. Lockie	..	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$
39	W. G. Perrin	..	..	1	A. W. Gresty	..	..	..	0
40	J. W. Danahay	..	..	1	F. B. Gibson	..	..	..	0
41	C. H. E. Bowyer	..	..	1	F. E. Ward	..	..	..	0
42	W. E. Hollingdale	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	W. P. Plummer	..	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$
43	S. Hunt	..	..	1	E. E. Willaman	..	..	..	0
44	F. Salaman	..	..	1	J. W. Star	..	..	..	0
45	H. V. Bonham	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	G. A. Adolphus	..	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$
46	C. J. D. Gregory	..	..	1	G. Booth	..	..	..	0
47	Dr. A. E. Wells	..	..	0	F. G. Butters	..	..	..	1
48	Brian Gipps	..	..	1	D. J. Ballantine	..	..	..	0
49	B. J. Sulley	..	..	0	A. H. Thomas	..	..	..	1
50	A. F. Kidney	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	W. Barnes	..	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$
				26					24

Cornwall v. Devon at St. Austell (Cornwall), 7th November, 1925. Cornwall had the move at the odd boards.

DEVON.					CORNWALL.				
1	T. Taylor	..	..	0	H. A. Adamson	..	..	..	1
2	H. V. Mallisson	..	..	1	A. Ashby	..	..	..	0
3	R. M. Bruce	..	..	*1	C. S. Varcoc	..	..	..	*0
4	A. B. Treloar	..	..	1	W. Boxhall	..	..	..	0
5	H. J. H. Cope	..	..	1	J. T. Walker	..	..	..	0
6	H. J. Stretton	..	..	* $\frac{1}{2}$	J. M. Bear	..	..	..	* $\frac{1}{2}$
7	F. Pitt Fox	..	..	0	M. F. Willis	..	..	..	1
8	Dr. L. Lander	..	..	1	J. B. Elcum	..	..	..	0
9	Rev. A. Seymour	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	W. E. Grenfell	..	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$
10	W. Ball	..	..	1	F. Roberts	..	..	..	0
11	M. Langdon	..	..	1	R. H. Martin	..	..	..	0
12	Rev. Julian Smith	..	..	0	H. T. Robinson	..	..	..	1
13	A. H. Hart	..	..	*1	Admiral S. Nicholson	..	..	..	*0
14	A. J. Evans	..	..	0	R. Lean	..	..	..	1
15	W. J. Belam	..	..	0	J. Parsons	..	..	..	1
16	A. S. Stoneman	..	..	1	W. H. Foott	..	..	..	0
				10					6

* Adjudicated.

Individual Correspondence Tourney.—The entries for the B.C.F. Correspondence Tourney, 1926, close on December 1st, and intending competitors can obtain rules and entry forms from Mr. Leonard P. Rees, Hon. Sec. B.C.F., St. Aubyns, Redhill, Surrey. The championship section is limited to seven players. Prizes £6 6s. and £3 3s.: entrance fee £1. The 1st Class, prizes £1 11s. 6d. and £1 1s.: entrance fee 7/6; the 2nd Class, prizes £1 1s. and 15/-: entrance fee 5/-; and 3rd Class, prizes 10/6 and 7/6: entrance fee 2/6, will each be divided into sections of not more than seven players in each, but the total entry is unlimited. The prizes mentioned above are awarded in each section. There will be double rounds starting 1st January, 1st May and 1st September respectively, and all games will be played to a finish. Correspondence chess players are earnestly invited to enter to maintain and, if possible, increase the success of the competition.

Hastings v. Brighton.—The following is the score of a match played on November 7th, in which Hastings visited Brighton and succeeded in beating a strong local team. The match took place in the Pavilion, where the visitors were hospitably entertained.

HASTINGS.				BRIGHTON.			
1	J. A. J. Drewitt	..	..	1	Rev. E. Griffiths	..	..
2	G. M. Norman	..	..	2	E. Macdonald	..	..
3	G. F. H. Packer	..	..	3	J. Storr-Best	..	..
4	J. A. Watt	..	..	4	J. H. Jones	..	..
5	H. E. Dobell	..	..	5	Castle Leaver	..	..
6	Miss V. Menchik	..	..	6	Dr. Dunstan	..	..
7	H. W. W. Hore	..	..	7	H. L. Crawford	..	..
8	E. A. Lewcock	..	..	8	G. V. Butler	..	..
9	R. H. Brown	..	..	9	E. G. Reed	..	..
10	F. Wilkinson	..	..	10	C. J. A. Wade	..	..
11	V. S. Ward	..	..	11	C. F. Chapman	..	..
12	J. Chandler	..	..	12	Dr. W. M. Varley	..	..
13	P. J. Penney	..	..	13	Rev. E. Swainson	..	..
14	H. V. Bonham	..	..	14	W. Beattie	..	..
15	L. A. J. Glyde	..	..	15	F. Thompson	..	..
16	Miss Musgrave	..	..	16	E. E. Stockens	..	..
17	W. E. Leffler	..	..	17	A. T. Watson	..	..
18	W. G. Watson	..	..	18	D. H. Caw	..	..
19	J. W. Danahay	..	..	19	A. E. Smith	..	..
20	W. C. T. Beasley	..	..	20	W. E. Hollingdale	..	..
21	A. F. Kidney	..	..	21	H. S. S. Fooks	..	..

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Entries for the Hastings Christmas Chess Congress are rapidly filling up, and readers are reminded that the closing date for entries is December 5th. Among those competing in the Premier Tournament will be A. Alekhine, Dr. Vidmar, F. D. Yates, R. P. Michell, E. G. Sergeant and G. M. Norman. There is also a strong entry for the Major Open (limited to 10 players), while the First, Second and Third Class Tournaments will all require to be run in more than one section, each section of 10 players forming a complete Tournament in itself.

A friendly county match was played at the Mechanics' Institute, Nottingham, on November 7th, with the following result :—

NOTTS.					LINCOLNSHIRE.				
1	J. W. Broadbent	..	..	½	J. H. Todd (W.)	..	..	½	
2	J. H. Dunford	..	..	0	H. Moss	..	..	1	
3	J. N. Derbyshire	..	..	0	W. H. Watts	..	..	1	
4	A. Green	..	..	1	A. M. Sparke	..	..	0	
5	H. V. Hand	..	..	1	J. Brown	..	..	0	
6	G. E. Argyle	..	..	½	F. S. Harrison	..	..	½	
7	C. N. Rushton	..	..	1	H. H. Quilter	..	..	0	
8	S. P. Kirkby	..	..	1	J. Parker	..	..	0	
9	J. H. Thornton	..	..	0	R. Combes	..	..	1	
10	H. B. Williams	..	..	0	E. J. Baldock	..	..	1	
11	H. Parkin	..	..	1	J. Bond	..	..	0	
12	T. E. Wright	..	..	0	C. H. Brown	..	..	1	
13	H. M. Sheppard	..	..	0	D. Lengden	..	..	1	
14	C. I. Fretton	..	..	1	C. H. Friskney	..	..	0	
15	W. T. Haskard	..	..	½	C. R. Hardwick	..	..	½	
16	G. Harvey	..	..	1	P. Hole	..	..	0	
17	H. Holland	..	..	1	G. Coley	..	..	0	
9½					7½				

Midland County Championship.—The matches in this season's Midland Counties Union county championship contest have been drawn as follows :—First Round : (a) Warwickshire *v.* Leicestershire ; (b) Northamptonshire *v.* Oxfordshire ; (c) Nottinghamshire *v.* Staffordshire ; (d) Shropshire *v.* Worcestershire. In each case the first-named county has choice of rooms. The match between Warwick and Leicester was played on Saturday, November 28th, at the Midland Institute, 16 a-side, and the score will be given next month.

The Seventy-fifth Annual Report of the Birmingham Chess Club shows a flourishing state of affairs. The members total 137, and there is a cash balance in hand of £47 11s. 10d.

The Committee have again entered teams in the first and second divisions of the Birmingham and District Chess League, and have arranged matches with Wolverhampton and Northampton, and are arranging matches with Hampstead, Metropolitan, Oxford University and Shrewsbury Chess Clubs.

The Rev. A. P. Lacy-Hulbert was elected president, with A. R. Chamberlain for vice-president and M. A. Prentice as hon. secretary.

Sir Francis Lowe, M.P., has accepted the presidency of Warwickshire Chess Association for 1925-6, while the secretaryship is retained by Gilbert Pinson, to the great advantage of all the members.

The eighteenth annual general meeting of the Middlesex County Chess Association was held at Stanfield House, Hampstead, on Saturday, October 10th.

The match captain's report showed that the county had had a very successful playing season, having reached the final of the English counties' championship, which would be contested on December 12th, against the winners of the Yorkshire-Warwickshire match. The county was the first winner of the newly-presented Amboyna shield, and came second to Kent in the Ebony shield competition, the match against Kent being the only one lost during the season.

The reports of the officers were read and adopted. The county cup was presented to Ealing, the winners for the fifth consecutive season, and the individual championship medal to M. E. Goldstein.

Mr. Meek was accorded a special vote of thanks for his strenuous exertions on behalf of the county, which had been largely instrumental in securing such a successful season.

The officers were elected as follows: President, R. C. Griffith; hon. vice-presidents, F. W. Flear and C. E. Biaggini; match captain, H. Meek; correspondence match captain, L. A. Paish; hon. treasurer, W. Eldridge; hon. secretary, E. Busvine. E. Busvine, M. E. Goldstein and H. Meek were elected as delegates to the Southern Counties Chess Union.

At a special general meeting of the Middlesex County Chess Association, held at St. Bride's Institute, on October 31st, comprehensive motions were passed allowing of the institution of life membership for affiliated members, private members and vice-presidents, and it is hoped thereby to increase the membership very considerably. The hon. treasurer, W. Eldridge, 27 Arden Road, Finchley, N.3, will be glad to furnish full particulars to any members of the Associations who would like to help the funds of the Association in this way, and to any chessplayers in the county who do not yet belong to the Association, and do not appreciate the advantages which membership confers.

At the same meeting it was announced that the final match between Middlesex and Yorkshire would definitely take place on twelve boards at Leeds on December 12th. The Middlesex team will travel down on Friday evening, and Yorkshire have very courteously arranged to put the visiting team up for the night. There seems every prospect of a close struggle between two very evenly-matched teams.

The first match ever played between Northampton and Birmingham took place at the former town on November 7th, when the visitors won by 11 to 6.

Reginald B. Loder, J.P. (the Northampton president), was present; while at the tea interval, A. J. Darnell (county president), welcomed the Birmingham players, and thanked them for their visit which he considered would encourage the practice of chess in the

district. E. B. M. Conway suitably replied for Birmingham.
Score :—

BIRMINGHAM.					NORTHAMPTON AND DISTRICT.					
1	A. J. Mackenzie	..	..	..	I	F. W. Shaw	..	..	..	0
2	E. B. M. Conway	..	..	..	0	J. S. Greeves	..	..	..	I
3	F. J. Roden	..	..	..	O	W. W. Church	..	..	..	I
4	M. A. Prentice	..	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	R. S. Henshaw	..	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$
5	A. James	..	..	..	I	W. T. Church	..	..	..	0
6	G. H. Edwards	..	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	E. W. Buttery	..	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$
7	J. W. Wilder	..	..	..	I	E. W. Padgett	..	..	..	0
8	P. Allender	..	..	..	0	A. G. Barrett	..	..	..	I
9	W. Harrison	..	..	..	I	A. J. Darnell	..	..	..	0
10	H. P. Harper	..	..	..	I	J. S. Henshaw	..	..	..	0
11	F. C. Whetnall	..	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	G. Handley	..	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$
12	J. T. Miles	..	..	..	I	L. H. Dorehill	..	..	..	0
13	H. W. Tidball	..	..	..	I	H. de B. Leach	..	..	..	0
14	J. J. Perks	..	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	W. E. Bater	..	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$
15	W. H. Eyles	..	..	..	I	T. Stamps	..	..	..	0
16	J. Cox	..	..	..	I	H. S. Philip	..	..	..	0
17	G. L. Andrews	..	..	..	0	D. Morris	..	..	..	I
					II					
						6				

Leeds v. Liverpool.—The annual match between these two teams was played on Saturday last at the Manchester Chess Club rooms. The only winner on the Leeds side was a Grammar School boy, who shows much promise. Score :—

LIVERPOOL.						LEEDS.					
1	J. Lewis	..	..	..	1	F. Schofield	..	..	..	0	
2	Dr. Holmes	..	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	P. Wenman	..	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	
3	E. Spencer	..	..	..	1	G. Pollard	..	..	..	0	
4	H. G. Rhodes	..	..	..	1	H. Wortley	..	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	
5	W. R. Thomas	..	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	J. Croysdale	..	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	
6	Rev. H. Peach	..	..	..	1	M. Andrew	..	..	..	0	
7	H. Kearne	..	..	..	1	C. G. Addingley	..	..	..	0	
8	R. W. Smith	..	..	..	1	W. F. Curtis	..	..	..	0	
9	J. C. Bryson	..	..	..	1	F. P. Judson	..	..	..	0	
10	C. A. Saban	..	..	..	0	J. T. Watson	..	..	..	1	
8						2					

The first round of the Edwin Woodhouse Cup played on October 30th, gave Leeds and Bradford their first points.

Leeds v. Rotherham and District. Played at Leeds. Score :

LEEDS.					ROTHERHAM.					
1	F. Schofield	..	..	..	I	E. J. Griffith	..	..	..	0
2	P. Wenman	..	..	..	I	A. R. Fleming	..	..	..	0
3	A. C. Ivimy	..	..	..	0	W. Davy	..	..	..	I
4	G. Pollard	..	..	..	I	F. Davy	..	..	..	0
5	S. Leader	..	..	..	I	J. Haycock	..	..	..	0
6	J. Croysdale	..	..	..	I	G. Askew	..	..	..	0
7	F. W. Darby	..	..	..	I	S. P. Ludbrook	..	..	..	0
8	M. Andrew	..	..	..	I	B. H. Oliver	..	..	..	0
9	W. F. Curtis	..	..	..	0	M. Drohan	..	..	..	I
10	F. P. Judson	..	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	J. Townend	..	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$
					7 $\frac{1}{2}$					2 $\frac{1}{2}$

Sheffield v. Huddersfield. Played at Sheffield. Score:—

SHEFFIELD.					HUDDERSFIELD.				
1	C. R. Gurnhill	..	..	0	H. E. Atkins	..	..	..	I
2	W. H. Sparkes	..	..	0	C. J. Wenyon	..	..	..	I
3	E. Dale	..	..	*	H. J. Lofthouse	..	..	..	*
4	H. H. Clarke	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	H. Hinchliffe	..	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$
5	H. D. Rockett	..	..	*	H. A. Cadman	..	..	..	*
6	J. Orange	..	..	I	A. Goodwin	..	..	..	0
7	T. Ogden	..	..	*	W. Foster	..	..	..	*
8	C. North	..	..	I	H. Greenwood	..	..	..	0
9	J. S. Hamer	..	..	*	F. M. Bassano	..	..	..	*
10	J. Moore	..	..	*	H. Mellor	..	..	..	*
2 $\frac{1}{2}$					2 $\frac{1}{2}$				

* To be adjudicated.

Hull v. Bradford. Played at Hull. Score:—

BRADFORD.					HULL.				
1	H. W. Hodgkinson	..	..	0	A. G. Condé	..	..	..	1
2	H. L. Brooke	..	..	0	W. Atkinson	..	..	..	1
3	F. Betts	..	..	1	J. J. Shields	..	..	..	0
4	J. W. Morton	..	..	0	G. Barron	..	..	..	1
5	I. M. Brown	..	..	1	S. Jackson	..	..	..	0
6	R. A. Sturgeon	..	..	1	R. Bainbridge	..	..	..	0
7	J. R. Deacon	..	..	1	E. J. Adams	..	..	..	0
8	W. Staynes	..	..	1	S. V. Foulston	..	..	..	0
9	J. B. Grew	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	W. Jackson	..	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$
10	C. B. Cribb	..	..	1	G. H. Burrell	..	..	..	0
6 $\frac{1}{2}$					3 $\frac{1}{2}$				

Bradford v. Manchester.—On October 24th Manchester took a fine team to Bradford and won a good match by $10\frac{1}{2}$ to $7\frac{1}{2}$ as under:

MANCHESTER.					BRADFORD.				
1	W. A. Fairhurst	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	T. A. Staynes	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	
2	B. Cohen	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	H. W. Hodgkinson	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	
3	A. F. Morrell	..	..	1	F. Betts	..	..	0	
4	W. Turner	..	..	0	J. W. Morton	..	..	1	
5	J. E. West	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	R. A. Sturgeon	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	
6	C. F. Burslam	..	..	1	W. Staynes	..	..	0	
7	P. N. Willis	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	T. Hillary	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	
8	L. A. Davidson	..	..	0	J. R. Deacon	..	..	1	
9	H. Learey	..	..	1	C. B. Cribb	..	..	0	
10	G. H. Midgley	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	H. Davison	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	
11	C. Boyce	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	W. W. Hale	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	
12	H. Barbasch	..	..	1	J. B. Grew	..	..	0	
13	E. Toledano	..	..	1	N. W. Law	..	..	0	
14	H. Hartley	..	..	0	F. Watson	..	..	1	
15	N. Naffer	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	J. Nowell	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	
16	S. L. Thompson	..	..	1	W. L. Veitch	..	..	0	
17	J. W. Burgess	..	..	1	M. Simpson	..	..	0	
18	J. E. Riley	..	..	0	L. A. Skelton	..	..	1	
10 $\frac{1}{2}$					7 $\frac{1}{2}$				

North Wales Chess Association.—A meeting of delegates from the clubs affiliated to the North Wales Chess Association was held at Colwyn Bay on Thursday, November 19th, when there were

present representatives from Wrexham, Rydal School, Llandudno and Colwyn Bay.

J. B. C. Kershaw, President of the Association, was elected chairman of the meeting ; and the draw for the North Wales Trophy competition resulted as follows :—

First round : Colwyn Bay *v.* Holyhead Liberal Club ; Llandudno *v.* Rydal School ; Bangor University College *v.* Wrexham ; Rhos (Wrexham) a bye ; round to be completed by February 10th.

Second round : Llandudno or Rydal *v.* Colwyn Bay or Holyhead ; Bangor University College or Wrexham *v.* Rhos. To be completed by March 3rd.

The final will be played on or before March 31st. Venue of final match to be arranged by mutual agreement.

Glasgow League.—There are thirteen clubs in the Glasgow Chess League this year. The Bohemians, Cambuslang, Central, Glasgow, Polytechnic and Queen's Park clubs constitute the First Division, an increase of one on last year. The Central club have six wins to their credit and the Glasgow five, so the older club will no doubt make a special effort to get on level terms again with their younger rivals. Cambuslang, who won the Second Division trophy last season with a margin of two points, have decided to see what they can do in the First Division, and we hope their pluck will receive its reward.

For the Second Division the following clubs have entered :—Bearsden, Glasgow Ladies, Clydebank Co-operative, Glasgow Corporation Waterworks, Pollok Street U.F. Church, Singer, and the N.B. Locomotive Staff Recreation Club. As the Bohemian, Central, Polytechnic and Queen's Park clubs are also entering teams there will be 11 clubs in the division, also an increase of one on the 1924 entry.

The Spens Cup Tourney is open to all Scottish clubs not in the Richardson Cup eight, and is played for by teams of seven a-side, on "knock-out" lines. By winning the Spens Cup, a club qualifies to play in the senior contest for the Richardson Cup in the following year. Clubs so far entered are : Alloa, Edinburgh Civil Service, Falkirk, Glasgow Ladies C.C., Motherwell and Perth.

The Correspondence County Championship.—Twenty teams have been entered for the 1926 competition, this being two more than last year. We hope, however, the time may soon come when the number reaches 30. It is wonderful how much these correspondence games are appreciated by players living in country districts, and a county match of this kind does much to keep an association together.

The entries are : 1. Berkshire ; 2. Cheshire ; 3. Cornwall ; 4. Cumberland ; 5. Devonshire ; 6. Durham ; 7. Glasgow County ; 8. Gloucestershire ; 9. Hampshire ; 10. Hertfordshire ; 11. Kent ; 12. Lancashire ; 13. Middlesex ; 14. Somerset ; 15. South Wales ; 16. Surrey ; 17. Sussex ; 18. Warwickshire ; 19. Worcestershire ; 20. Yorkshire.

London Chess League. "A" Division. Results—Hampstead beat Lewisham 14—6 and Lee 13—7. Metropolitan beat Lewisham 14—6 and Islington 17½—2½. Lud-Eagle beat Athenaeum 15—5 and Lee 14—6. North London beat West London 12½—7½, Wood Green 10½—9½ and Athenaeum 12½—7½. Brixton beat Bohemians 14—6. Battersea beat Islington 14—6 and Lee 14½—5½. Wood Green beat Islington 12½—7½. It will thus be seen that North London are playing in fine form, their convincing win over West London being an excellent effort.

LONDON COMMERCIAL CHESS LEAGUE.

FIRST DIVISION TABLE.

	P.	W.	D.	L.	Pts.
Lloyds	4	3	1	—	3½
St. Helen's Court	4	2	2	—	3
Mex	3	2	—	1	2
Motor Union	3	2	—	1	2
Nestangle	4	2	—	2	2
Cornhill	3	1	1	1	1½
R.M.S.P.	3	1	1	1	1½
Shell Mex	3	1	—	2	1
Bowrings	4	—	1	3	½
Morton's	3	—	—	3	0

In the Second Division, Shell Mex II are leading.

A friendly match took place on October 27th at Royal Mail House, Moorgate, between the Royal Mail Steam Packet Co. Chess Club and a scratch team from the P. & O. S. N. Co. assembled by Mr. Jamieson, the Kent chess secretary.

The Royal Mail Club competes in the London Commercial League and shows every evidence of enthusiasm under its hon. secretary, B. G. Porter, who is affiliated to the Kent Association as a member of the Old Langtonian's Chess Club.

The P. & O. team included several players who are, or have been well known in the chess world; notably H. S. Ward (City of London and Surrey), who was present at that meeting at the Salutation Tavern in 1892, which founded the Southern Counties Chess Union; T. H. Acton (City of London and Essex); while A. T. Rolt and E. R. Powell have represented Kent in the Metropolitan Counties competition. Score of match as follows:—

ROYAL MAIL.					P. & O.				
1	L. A. S. Howell	..	..	0	T. H. Acton (W.)	..	..	..	1
2	S. D. Stevens	..	..	1	E. R. Powell	..	..	..	0
3	H. R. Graves	..	..	1	W. Evans	..	..	..	0
4	E. Greene	..	..	0	H. S. Ward	..	..	..	1
5	R. G. Waine	..	..	0	J. W. G. Jamieson	..	..	..	1
6	M. F. O'Sullivan	..	..	1	A. T. Rolt	..	..	..	0
7	F. J. Brierley	..	..	1	P. B. Jones	..	..	..	0
8	D. H. Banks	..	..	0	R. H. Green	..	..	..	1

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Good progress has been made with the Hamilton-Russell Cup Competition during November. On October 21st the Junior Constitutional Club smartly beat the Reform Club as follows:—

JUNIOR CONSTITUTIONAL CLUB.				REFORM CLUB.			
1	C. G. Skyrme	..	..	1	Dr. V. H. Rutherford	..	..
2	W. Hughes	..	..	2	Austin Taylor	..	..
3	W. J. Rendle	..	..	3	Ambrose Parsons	..	..
4	Hon. H. P. Colebatch	..	..	4	Macrae Moir	..	..
5	Capt. C. C. Collier	..	..	5	Lieut.-Col. H. Bayley	..	..
6	H. C. Pressland	..	..	6	Capt. Patrick Russell	..	..
			4½				1½

The same combination beat the Savile Club 6—0, but lost by 5—I to the National Liberal Club on November 14th.

NATIONAL LIBERAL CLUB.				JUNIOR CONSTITUTIONAL CLUB.			
1	B. E. Sieghem	..	..	1	C. G. Skyrme	..	..
2	Dr. J. Schumer	..	..	2	W. Hughes	..	..
3	V. A. Halford	..	..	3	W. J. Rundle	..	..
4	E. Morgan	..	..	4	The Hon. H. P. Colebatch	..	..
5	F. Salmony	..	..	5	Capt. C. C. Collier	..	..
6	E. S. Curwen	..	..	6	H. C. Pressland	..	..
			5				1

The Savile Club, however, notched a win against the Authors by 3½—2½; while the Reform Club played a drawn match *versus* the Constitutional, in which Sir John Simon appeared.

SAVILE CLUB.				AUTHORS' CLUB.			
1	Sir Arthur Whitelegge	..	..	1	A. L. Densham	..	..
2	Philip Wilson	..	..	2	Morley Roberts	..	..
3	Romney Sedgwick	..	..	3	E. H. Short	..	..
4	J. L. Balderston	..	..	4	W. D. Williamson	..	..
5	Lieut.-Col. W. Butler	..	..	5	Bernard Gilbert	..	..
6	M. H. Sands	..	..	6	Frank Gribble	..	..
			3½				2½
REFORM CLUB.				CONSTITUTIONAL CLUB.			
1	Ralph Sutton	..	..	1	H. Saunders	..	..
2	Austin Taylor	..	..	2	Lieut.-Col. W. H. King	..	..
3	Sir John Simon	..	..	3	H. Hardcastle	..	..
4	J. M. Rendel	..	..	4	J. Hatchard Smith	..	..
5	Lieut.-Col. H. Bayley	..	..	5	H. P. Miles	..	..
6	H. G. Strauss	..	..	6	Lieut.-Col. C. R. Johnson	..	..
			3				3

One curious result was the heavy defeat suffered by quite a good Athenæum team at the hands of the Conservative Club; while another was the manner in which the Club revenged itself on the Constitutional.

CONSERVATIVE CLUB.				ATHENÆUM.			
1	G. Weston	..	..	1	W. Bateson	..	..
2	A. Erskine Barrett	..	..	2	Rev. Barton R. V. Mills	..	..
3	O. S. Cleverly	..	..	3	Dr. E. Graham Little	..	..
4	C. A. Montgomerie	..	..	4	Sir Thomas Rose	..	..
5	W. A. Donald	..	..	5	Hon. F. G. Hamilton-Russell	..	..
6	Rev. C. Graham-Montgomery	..	..	6	F. W. Hirst	..	..
			5½				1½

ATHENÆUM.				CONSTITUTIONAL CLUB.			
1	Sir Horace Plunkett	.. ..	I	M. E. Hughes-Hughes	.. ..	0	
2	W. Bateson	.. ..	I	H. J. C. Hardcastle	.. ..	0	
3	The Rev. Barton Mills	.. ..	I	D. C. Greig	.. ..	0	
4	W. Hooper	.. ..	0	C. D. Morten	.. ..	I	
5	Hon. F. G. Hamilton-Russell	.. ..	I	H. M. Lyall	.. ..	0	
6	F. W. Hirst	.. ..	I	J. Hatchard Smith	.. ..	0	
5				I			

The other match was between the Royal Automobile Club and the Conservative Club, and was played at the R.A.C. rooms. The following is the score:—

R.A.C.				CONSERVATIVE CLUB.			
1	J. H. Morrison	.. ..	I	G. Weston	.. ..	0	
2	G. E. Fulstow	.. ..	I	O. S. Cleverly	.. ..	0	
3	E. Titley	.. ..	I	C. A. Montgomerie	.. ..	0	
4	Capt. P. Titley	.. ..	0	W. A. Donald	.. ..	I	
5	L. Kirk-Greene	.. ..	I	Rev. C. Graham Montgomery	.. ..	0	
6	C. P. Wenzel	.. ..	I	E. Robinson	.. ..	0	
5				I			

Imperial Chess Club v. Lensbury. Played on October 27th, at 16 Finsbury Circus, E.C.

LENSBURY.				IMPERIAL.			
1	F. J. Whitmarsh	.. ..	$\frac{1}{2}$	Major Sir Richard Barnett, M.P.	.. ..	$\frac{1}{2}$	
2	G. F. Hawkins	.. ..	$\frac{1}{2}$	Sir Edgar Wigram, Bart.	.. ..	$\frac{1}{2}$	
3	F. P. Dangerfield	.. ..	0	H. E. Tudor	.. ..	I	
4	J. A. Miles	.. ..	0	R. Spitz	.. ..	I	
5	W. Screeton	.. ..	0	R. H. S. Stevenson	.. ..	I	
6	G. E. Startup	.. ..	0	J. F. Chance	.. ..	I	
7	V. J. Scholes	.. ..	I	Miss Cotton	.. ..	0	
8	H. D. Callender	.. ..	$\frac{1}{2}$	The Hon. F. G. Hamilton-Russell	.. ..	$\frac{1}{2}$	
9	H. Kitchener	.. ..	I	H. Underdown	.. ..	0	
10	A. E. Potter	.. ..	I	Col. R. H. Macdonald	.. ..	0	
11	C. A. Cazaly	.. ..	0	F. H. George	.. ..	I	
12	M. I. Stern	.. ..	$\frac{1}{2}$	Austin Taylor	.. ..	$\frac{1}{2}$	
13	R. G. Tollett	.. ..	0	Miss Chater	.. ..	I	
14	L. J. Tanner	.. ..	0	Rev. Barton R. V. Mills	.. ..	I	
15	C. E. W. Ruffell	.. ..	$\frac{1}{2}$	J. S. Sainsbury	.. ..	$\frac{1}{2}$	
16	F. J. Procter	.. ..	I	Dr. E. Graham Little, M.P.	.. ..	0	
17	V. J. Greeley	.. ..	$\frac{1}{2}$	Col. W. B. Du Pré	.. ..	$\frac{1}{2}$	
18	M. Keating	.. ..	0	Mrs. Conybeare	.. ..	I	
19	A. J. Gowar	.. ..	0	Landor Lowe	.. ..	I	
20	H. Longman	.. ..	0	Capt. The Hon. A. J. Lowther	.. ..	I	
21	L. V. Armstrong	.. ..	I	C. Bruning	.. ..	0	
22	F. Jonas	.. ..	I	Dudley Barlow	.. ..	0	
23	V. Pegg	.. ..	I	G. S. Kaye	.. ..	0	
24	H. A. Ling	.. ..	I	Sir Thomas Richardson	.. ..	0	
25	L. K. Jones	.. ..	I	Miss Andrews	.. ..	0	
26	A. J. Cook	.. ..	0	H. Bentwich, LL.B.	.. ..	I	
27	F. Rowe	.. ..	I	Mrs. Chase	.. ..	0	
28	S. Marin	.. ..	I	Miss L. Eveling	.. ..	0	
29	A. Mills	.. ..	I	Miss Brewster	.. ..	0	
30	B. E. Curtis	.. ..	I	Mrs. Fitzgerald	.. ..	0	
31	F. Noakes	.. ..	0	Miss Pannell	.. ..	I	
32	O. Bird	.. ..	0	Mrs. Paul Bennett	.. ..	I	
33	H. Coton	.. ..	I	Miss Spencer	.. ..	0	

The following game was played on Board 1.

GAME NO. 5,575.

Ruy Lopez.

WHITE	BLACK
Sir R. BARNETT	F. J. WHITMARSH
(Imperial)	(Lensbury)
1 P—K 4	1 P—K 4
2 Kt—K B 3	2 Kt—Q B 3
3 B—Kt 5	3 P—Q R 3
4 B—R 4	4 Kt—B 3
5 Castles	5 P—Q Kt 4
6 B—Kt 3	6 B—K 2
7 R—K 1	7 P—Q 3
8 P—B 3	8 Kt—Q R 4
9 B—B 2	9 P—B 4
10 P—Q 4	10 Q—B 2
11 Q Kt—Q 2	11 Castles
12 P—Q 5	12 B—Kt 5
13 P—K R 3	13 B—Q 2
14 Kt—B 1	14 Q R—B 1
15 P—K Kt 4	15 Kt—K 1
16 Kt—Kt 3	16 P—Kt 3
17 B—R 6	17 Kt—K Kt 2
18 K—R 2	18 P—B 3
19 R—K Kt 1	19 R—B 2
20 Q—K 2	20 Kt—B 5
21 B—Q 3	21 Kt—Kt 3
22 Q R—K 1	22 Q R—B 1
23 R—Kt 2	23 Q—B 1
24 Q R—K Kt 1	24 K—R 1
25 Kt—Q 2	25 Kt—R 1
26 Q—K 3	26 Kt—B 2
27 P—K B 4	27 Q—K 1
28 P—B 5	28 R—Kt 1
29 Kt—B 3	29 P—Kt 4
30 P—K R 4	30 P×P
31 Kt×R P	31 Q—Q 1

(See Diagram).

32 Kt—K 2 ?	32 Kt—K 1
33 R—K R 1	33 B—B 1
34 K—Kt 1	34 B×B
35 Q×B	35 R (Kt 1)—Kt 3

36 Kt—Kt 6 ch	36 K—Kt 1
37 R (Kt 2)—R 2	37 B—B 1
38 Kt—Kt 3	38 R—Q 2
39 Kt—R 5	39 P×Kt
40 Kt×R	40 R×Kt
41 P×P	41 K—B 1
42 P—Kt 5	42 Q—K 2
43 P×P	43 Kt×P
44 R—B 2	44 K—K 1
45 Q—R 8 ch	45 K—Q 2
46 Q—R 3 ch	46 K—Q 1
47 Q—Kt 3	

Adjudicated a draw by Mr. Burn.

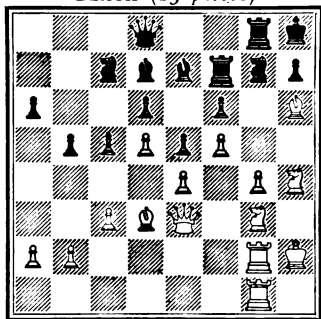
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White pointed out afterwards that if he had played 32 Kt—Kt 6 ch, it would have led to an immediate win.

32 Kt—Kt 6 ch	32 P×Kt
33 P×P	33 R (B 2)—B 1
34 Kt—B 5	34 B×Kt
35 Kt P×B and wins.	

Position after 31... Q—Q 1.

BLACK (15 pieces)



WHITE (15 pieces)

On November 17th, the Imperial Chess Club beat Lloyds' Bank by 8½—6½.

The Irish Championship.—The two games sent to Sir George Thomas for adjudication has resulted in a tie between J. J. O'Hanlon and Professor W. E. Thrift. These two players will now decide the title by a match of five up.

(O'Hanlon won his game with Baker while Thrift obtained a draw only with that player.)

An open Chess Tournament in Ireland in connection with the *Feis Cholmcille* will be held at 5 Blackhall Street, Dublin, from December 14th to 19th. A silver cup, kindly presented by Arthur Gaynor will be awarded to the winners of the first prize, to be held for one year. If won three years in succession it will become the property of the prize winner. The tournament will be on the Knock-out principle.

The scores in the Irish Chess Correspondence Championship which is being run in two sections stands as follows: Section A, W. J. Allen leads with 7 wins. T. L. Moodie has scored $4\frac{1}{2}$. H. A. O'Callaghan $3\frac{1}{2}$. D. Weir, O. MacFionntavick, C. Vlad and S. French 3. In section B, V. Coates leads with 5. I. Watson, $4\frac{1}{2}$; J. Good T. C. and V. Dooley, $1\frac{1}{2}$ each.

The Vectis Chess Club (Ryde) report that their youngest member is Master Bernard Blakeley, aged 8, the son of the Hon. Sec., P. L. Blakely, and wonder if any other club can beat their record! When the boy was five-and-a-half he used to set out the boards and men for the matches.

The following match was played in the Middlesex County Cup Competition between North London and Finchely on Friday, November 6th, 1925, at the "Gambit."

NORTH LONDON.						FINCHLEY.					
1	C. E. Harris	..	..	..	0	G. P. Kitchener	..	..	..	1	
2	J. Strachstein	..	..	..	1	H. L. Tinkler	..	..	..	0	
3	R. F. Whitehead	..	..	..	1	W. A. Conway	..	..	..	0	
4	H. G. Excell	..	..	..	1	A. R. Gale	..	..	..	0	
5	F. H. Smith	..	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	P. W. H. Ravaisson	..	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	
6	S. Daw	..	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	G. F. Ohlson	..	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	
7	L. T. Weaser	..	..	..	1	A. S. Giles	..	..	..	0	
8	H. Wilson	..	..	..	1	W. I. Clift	..	..	..	0	
6						2					

Leyton Chess Club.—The general meeting of the club was held at the Corner Restaurant, Leytonstone, the new headquarters of the club, on Saturday, September 26th, when the president, Mr. A. G. Giller, presided over a good attendance—the largest since the war. The new secretary is Mr. F. D. Downton, 31 Pulteney Road, South Woodford, E.18.

The great feature of the evening was the presentation to the club of a beautiful silver cup. The donors, Mr. and Mrs. Hawkins, wish it to be known as the Eric Championship Trophy, in memory of their late son, so well known to many members of the club.

The trophy is to be competed for annually, and will be held for twelve months by the winner of the Club Championship Tournament.

Mr. Hawkins, who has filled with distinction every office in the club and is even now its leading spirit, in a short but moving speech made the presentation.

Mr. A. G. Giller accepted the handsome gift on behalf of the club, and Mr. H. H. Gill, in formally moving a vote of thanks, dealt with the long association Mr. and Mrs. Hawkins have had with the Leyton Chess Club, and the support they have so wholeheartedly rendered.

Mrs. Hawkins, who was present with her son Roy, then gracefully presented the cup, together with a dainty replica to last year's champion, E. W. Osler, in every way a popular winner. She stated that it gave her great pleasure that the first holder was such a strong and staunch supporter of the club. For many seasons he had been its strongest player, and no more fitting champion could be found.

The University teams are well in practice. On October 7th, Oxford University received a visit from the Insurance Chess Club and beat them by 7—6, as follows.

OXFORD UNIVERSITY.				INSURANCE.			
1	G. S. A. Wheatcroft	.. ..	$\frac{1}{2}$	L. A. Durham	.. ..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$
2	K. H. Bancroft	.. ..	1	A. G. Kershaw	.. ..	..	0
3	G. R. Mitchell	.. ..	$\frac{1}{2}$	A. Tooke	.. ..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$
4	H. F. Sutherland	.. ..	$\frac{1}{2}$	W. A. F. Boulger	.. ..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$
5	F. E. Cutler Jones	.. ..	0	P. Layzell	.. ..	..	1
6	G. Costigan	.. ..	1	G. Clinton	.. ..	..	0
7	E. Abrahams	.. ..	1	A. N. Knight	.. ..	..	0
8	A. J. Morrell	.. ..	1	G. Glover	.. ..	..	0
9	E. H. Linfoot	.. ..	0	C. F. C. Brodie	.. ..	..	1
10	J. I. King	.. ..	0	A. Walters	.. ..	..	1
11	G. S. White	.. ..	0	F. Gosling	.. ..	..	1
12	A. A. Mocatta	.. ..	1	W. Butler	.. ..	..	0
13	B. M. Hobby	.. ..	$\frac{1}{2}$	H. J. Hill	.. ..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$
7				6			

On October 14th, however, a much sterner encounter ended by the Lud-Eagle Chess Club defeating the 'Varsity men by 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ —3 $\frac{1}{2}$ with one game for adjudication.

LUDEAGLE.				OXFORD UNIVERSITY.			
1	G. W. Richmond	.. ..	0	G. S. A. Wheatcroft	.. ..	..	0
2	M. A. Sutherland	.. ..	*	K. H. Bancroft	.. ..	..	*
3	G. Green	.. ..	1	H. F. Sutherland	.. ..	..	0
4	J. Burgess	.. ..	$\frac{1}{2}$	G. R. Mitchell	.. ..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$
5	R. E. Kemp	.. ..	0	G. Abrahams	.. ..	..	1
6	J. Rutherford	.. ..	0	G. Costigan	.. ..	..	1
7	E. T. Marshall	.. ..	1	F. E. Cutler-Jones	.. ..	..	0
8	A. Schwartz	.. ..	1	Baron S. Perenyi	.. ..	..	0
9	H. Brown	.. ..	1	A. J. Morrell	.. ..	..	0
10	E. R. Turner	.. ..	0	G. S. J. White	.. ..	..	1
11	P. G. Husbands	.. ..	1	J. I. King	.. ..	..	0
12	P. le Grip	.. ..	1	B. M. Hobby	.. ..	..	0
7 $\frac{1}{2}$				3 $\frac{1}{2}$			

* For adjudication.

While these matches were being played, Cambridge University were at home to two visiting teams respectively.

The Imperial Chess Club on November 7th were beaten by 7—2.

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY.			IMPERIAL.		
1	A. R. B. Thomas (St. John's)	1	Major Sir Richard Barnett, M.P.		0
2	H. J. C. Herrick (St. John's)	1	J. F. Chance		0
3	G. E. Hewson (St. Catherine)	1	M. E. Hughes-Hughes		0
4	J. Pepper (Trinity)	0	E. H. Church		1
5	R. C. Weaver (Corpus)	1	J. A. Miles		0
6	P. S. Milner Barry (Trinity) ..	1	R. H. S. Stevenson		0
7	M. A. Vernon (Trinity)	$\frac{1}{2}$	Mrs. Stevenson		$\frac{1}{2}$
8	R. N. Martin (St. John's)	$\frac{1}{2}$	F. M. Strawson		0
9	V. Coates (Sidney, Sussex)	$\frac{1}{2}$	Capt. The Hon. A. J. Lowther ..		$\frac{1}{2}$
		7			2

The following week, they too had to admit defeat ; the London Banks' Chess League being the victors.

LONDON BANKS.			CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY.		
1	J. Raoux	1	A. R. B. Thomas		0
2	W. Jones	$\frac{1}{2}$	H. J. C. Herrick		$\frac{1}{2}$
3	R. H. Brown	1	G. E. Hewson		0
4	E. Billen	$\frac{1}{2}$	P. C. Weaver		$\frac{1}{2}$
5	H. G. Excell	$\frac{1}{2}$	P. S. Milner-Barry		$\frac{1}{2}$
6	H. Leffler	1	M. A. Vernon		0
7	J. Whicker	1	V. Coates		0
8	G. S. Foulkes	$\frac{1}{2}$	R. N. Martin		$\frac{1}{2}$
9	H. W. Barker	1	J. Pepper		0
10	V. G. Tempest	0	J. E. Pepper		1
11	T. Glennie	0	J. A. Herrick		1
12	J. A. Bienvenu	1	M. A. Porter		0
13	G. Devine	1	W. S. Winscom		0
14	L. A. H. White	$\frac{1}{2}$	J. D. Solomon		$\frac{1}{2}$
		9 $\frac{1}{2}$			4 $\frac{1}{2}$

It is early on to speculate as to the chances of the rival teams, but for the moment Cambridge are favourites. Their captain, A. R. B. Thomas, proved in the Major Open Tournament at the Southport Congress that he is a player of first-class strength, while P. S. Milner Barry, who won the Hastings Boys' Championship in 1923, is qualifying for still higher honours.

The result of the Summer Continuous tournament at the Hampstead Chess Club, which attracted thirty-seven entries, and in which some five hundred games were played, was as follows :—

Despite a special class being made for A. E. Mercer, the champion of the club ; M. E. Goldstein, the champion of Middlesex ; and R. C. Griffith, who had to give to the lowest class a Queen, Pawn

and move, the result was that R. C. Griffith won the tournament with thirty-six wins, three losses and one draw, a percentage of 91·25 plus a bonus of 4 (2 for each game over twenty) making 95·25, and M. E. Goldstein was second with 29, 5, 2, 83·33+3·2=86·53; Mrs. Holloway (Ar) third with 17, 3, 0, 85·00; R. J. Minns (Br), 25, 8, 5, 72·36+3·6=75·96; fifth, W. O. Hall, 39, 20, 4, 65·08+8·6=73·68. A. Aronson with 72 games won the prize for the player of most games. The prize for the best score against the five prize winners was won by E. S. Gibbs. To qualify, twelve opponents had to be met and a minimum of twenty games. A. E. Mercer did not qualify, but had a high percentage for the games he had completed.

There are nine entrants for the championship, including A. E. Mercer, the holder, W. Winter, Mrs. Holloway, etc. Ten members have entered for the North cup and nine for the Hardman trophy. There is also a fourth tournament on novel lines, for which forty members have entered, these have been divided into eight teams of five of more or less equal strength. Each member of a team can play any member of another team within two classes of their handicap—at the opening set for the fortnight. Extra points are given for those who win against a player in a higher class, and the scores of the team of five will be added together at the end of the tournament. The first opening selected was the Allgaier Gambit, the second is the Max Lange.

GAME NO. 5,576.

Played at the Manhattan Newspaper Club.

Queen's Gambit Accepted (in effect).

WHITE		BLACK		WHITE		BLACK	
H. HELMS		— ROSEN		H. HELMS		— ROSEN	
1	P—Q 4	1	P—Q 4	21	Kt—B 6	21	Q—K 5
2	Kt—K B 3	2	Kt—Q B 3	22	Kt×R	22	Kt—R 4
3	B—B 4	3	B—B 4	23	Q—K 3	23	Q×B
4	P—B 4	4	P×P	24	Q×P ch	24	B—K 2
5	Kt—B 3	5	Kt—R 4	25	Kt—B 6	25	Q—Q 3
6	P—K 4	6	B—Q 2	26	Q—B 8 ch	26	K—B 2
7	B—K 2	7	P—Q B 3	27	Q×R	27	Q×Kt
8	Castles	8	P—K 3	28	Q×P	28	Kt—B 3
9	Kt—K 5	9	P—Q Kt 4	29	Q—B 5	29	P—Kt 3
10	P—Q 5	10	P—Q R 3	30	Q—B 3	30	Q×Q
11	P—Q R 4	11	P—Kt 5	31	P×Q	31	Kt—R 4
12	Kt—Kt 1	12	B P×P	32	Q R—B 1	32	B—B 3
13	P×P	13	P×P	33	R—B 7 ch	33	K—K 3
14	Q×P	14	B—K 3	34	P—Kt 3	34	B—B 6
15	Q—B 3	15	Q—Q 4	35	R—B 6 ch	35	K—B 4
16	Q—K Kt 3	16	R—Q 1	36	R×R P	36	Kt—B 5
17	Kt—Q 2	17	Kt—K B 3	37	R—Q 1	37	Kt—K 7 ch
18	Q Kt×P	18	Kt×Kt	38	K—B 1	38	Kt—Q 5
19	B×Kt	19	Q—Q 5	39	R×Kt	39	B×R
20	B×B	20	P×B	40	P—R 5	40	Resigns

NEWS FROM THE DOMINIONS AND FOREIGN LANDS.

India.—A tournament was held at Chail in which Kostich took part. The prize winners were: 1, Joshi (Poona); 2, Kostich; 3, Kishen Lall (Muttra); 4, Alurkar (Bombay); 5, Bodas (Sangli), and Gurbakhoh Rai (Jullunder).

South Africa.—The championship of the Durban Chess Club has been won for the fourth time by L. Pierce, with the excellent score of $6\frac{1}{2}$ out of a possible 7. Mr. Hooper was the runner-up. The same doughty protagonists struggled for the Natal championship, but Mr. Pierce would not be denied, and won with $9\frac{1}{2}$ out of 11.

According to the club's report—which is excellent reading—their efforts to bring to fruition the question of a S.A. Chess Federation have not yet been successful.

News has arrived that after a long period of inactivity, the Windhoek Chess Club has been reorganised, and has resumed playing. A successful handicap tournament has just been concluded; it was won by Mr. Goldblatt, a former member of the Cape Town Chess Club.

Mr. Goldblatt once did a most meritorious action with reference to the *British Chess Magazine*. In 1920 when the new band of editors urgently needed support, and the very existence of the magazine was in jeopardy, he sent an encouraging letter with a cheque for five years' subscription.

Kostich gave two simultaneous displays at the Durban Chess Club, winning 14 and drawing 4 out of 18 in the first, and winning 21, drawing 3, and losing 1 to Dr. McCord out of 25 in the second.

During his tour in South Africa, Kostich played some 50 games blindfold, losing one to P. E. Powter, ex-champion of Durban and District. The latter accepted the Evans' Gambit, retiring his Bishop to K B 1 after taking the gambit Pawn. Kostich failed to make the most of his positional advantage, but nevertheless, won the Exchange as compensation for Pawns, and should have won. He, however, overlooked a check from a Knight, which lost him his Rook for nothing, and with it, the game. It was an interesting and stern encounter.

Austria.—Some of the international masters and their supporters must have received a shock at the result of the Maroczy jubilee tournament held at Debreczin in August. It was won by Mr. Knoch, of Vienna, with 10 points out of 13. Tartakower and Johner, the runners-up, could score no more than $8\frac{1}{2}$ each; Vukovic and Grünfeld shared fourth and fifth prizes with $7\frac{1}{2}$; Prokes, Seitz, L. Steiner and Havasi the sixth and seventh prizes with 6 each; Przepiorka with $5\frac{1}{2}$; Vaida, Nagy and Asztalos with 5 each came next, while Mattison with $4\frac{1}{2}$, completed the list. The first section of the Hauptturnier was won by Retby (Hungary) after a tie; and the second section by H. Müller (Vienna), also after a tie.

Czecho-Slovakia.—During the fourth congress of the German Chess Association in Czecho-Slovakia, at Braunau, a match was played against the Prusso-Silesian Chess Association. At this, the time limit was 36 moves for the first hour, 18 moves during the next hour, all unfinished games then to be adjudicated. The result was a victory for the first named. The mastership tournament resulted in a tie between K. Gilg, of Ostrau, and V. Lokvenc, of Vienna. The membership of the local club rose to 144.

Cuba.—According to news received from the Club de Ajedrez, of Havana, a match has been arranged between the young master, Rosendo Romero, with Edward Lasker, to be played in Manzanillo, Cuba, about Christmas time, for a prize of 1,000 dollars. Romero is a young player of great promise, and the Cubans anticipate he will soon be competing in the master tournaments. Much interest will therefore await the coming match.

France.—The second tournament for the Philidor cup at Hyères promises to be a nice event. Mr. A. J. Maas, who has made the pretty Riviera town his home, has spread the radiations of his chess enthusiasm over a large circle. Several English players have informed him of their intention to compete, including Mrs. R. H. S. Stevenson, British lady champion, and as some of the best players from Nice will appear, it looks as if the final winner of the cup will deserve his prize. Col. Stuart Prince will be there; he too, succumbed to the attractions of chess amid the palm trees, and this is now a feature of "la station le plus au sud de la côte d'Azur." The tournament will commence about the third week in January, 1926. A programme of the meeting can be obtained from Col. C. Stuart-Prince, Villa Paul, Hyères, or from A. J. Maas, La Palmeraie, Hyères, France.

Germany.—The *Schwäbische Postbote* revives a little yarn told by Steinitz. During a journey to London, there sat opposite to him a lord with his little daughter of eight years old. After a good deal of conversation, the lord asked him "What is your occupation?" "I am a chessplayer." "Well, but I am asking as to your occupation." "Yes, my lord, chess is my occupation." The lord looked keenly at him, drew out his note-book, and recorded the case. Meantime the little girl asked him: "Are you always playing chess?" "Yes, my child, why not?" "Well, long ago, when I was little, I used to play with the chess pieces, but now I never do."

The same interesting chess column, from the "Recollections of the painter Oppenheim," tells how the latter, an enthusiastic chess-player, when living in Paris in 1818, was invited to play a game against the celebrated Automatic Chessplayer at a public exhibition, by the proprietor, a German, Leonhard Mälzel, of Regensburg. Oppenheim won, but it was not until a long time afterwards that he discovered that the concealed opponent in the Automaton had been M. Alexandre, with whom he was actually living at the time.

The third congress of the Oberfränkisch Chess Association was held in Hof. The Association embraces eighteen societies and there were fifty participants. The young problem composer Giegold achieved his mastership. The next congress will be at Bayreuth next year.

The seventh Swabian chess congress was held at Stuttgart in August. The first prize was secured by Gebbard, of Munich, the second and third prize winners being also Bavarians.

Italy.—*L' Italia Scacchistica* for November presents a portrait of Carlo Salvioli, a noted author on works on chess. Arnaldo Ellerman discusses unpinning leading to interference, as a promising development of two-move problems, on which there are some explanatory notes by A. Mari. There is a good selection of games and problems and a device new to us, which combines chess and cross word puzzles. The following is a dashing little encounter:—

GAME NO. 5577.

Sicilian Defence.

WHITE		BLACK		WHITE		BLACK	
DALLA TORRE		BOMBICCI		DALLA TORRE		BOMBICCI	
1	P—K 4	1	P—Q B 4	15	P—Q Kt 3	15	B—Q B 3
2	Kt—K B 3	2	P—K Kt 3	16	Q—B 2	16	P—Q R 4
3	P—Q 4	3	P×P	17	Q R—K 1	17	P—R 5
4	Kt×P	4	B—Kt 2	18	P—K 5!	18	R P×P
5	B—K 3	5	Kt—Q B 3	19	R P×P	19	Kt—Q 4
6	P—Q B 3	6	Kt—K B 3	20	P—B 5	20	Kt×B
7	P—B 3	7	Castles	21	R×Kt	21	B×Kt
8	B—Q 3	8	P—Q 3	22	Q R×B	22	B×K P?
9	Castles	9	P—Q R 3	23	P×Kt P	23	R P×P
10	Kt—Q 2	10	B—Q 2	24	B×Kt P	24	P—B 3 (a)
11	Kt×Kt	11	P×Kt	25	Q—K 4	25	P—K 3
12	P—K R 3	12	Q—B 2	26	R×K B P!	26	P—Q 4
13	P—K B 4	13	P—Q B 4	27	Q—K Kt 4	27	Q—K 2
14	Kt—K B 3	14	K R—Q Kt?	28	B—B 7 +	28	Resigns

(a) If P×P; 25 Q×P + followed by R—B 7.

Poland.—Yet another new chess periodical has made its appearance. It is called *Szachy* and is published at Lwow, Poland. It is nicely printed and contains an exhaustive analysis of the "Gambit Lwowski"! (1 Kt—K B 3, P—Q 4; 2 P—K 4! P×P; 3 Kt—Kt 5), which used to be played with much success nearly twenty years ago by Mr. Lund, of Stockport. The "Hauptredacteur" is K. J. Link, of Säkramentek 4, Lwow.

Russia.—The International tournament at Moscow started on November 9th. The entry is a very strong one, though the absence of Alekhine, Moroczy and Vidmar is to be regretted. The results after completion of the eighth round are as follows, in alphabetical order: Bogatyrychuk, 4½; Bogoljuboff, 5½; Capablanca, 4½; Dus-Chotimirsky, 3; Göththilf, 2 (1 adj.); Grünfeld, 1 (2 adj.); Iljin-Zenevsky, 4½; Lasker, 5 (1 adj.); Löwenfisch, 2½; Marshall, 5½; Rabinovitch, 4; Réti, 3; Romanovski, 4½; Rubinstein, 6; Sämisch,

2; Spielmann, $2\frac{1}{2}$; Tartakover, 5; Torre, 6; Verlinsky, 3 (1 adj.); Yates, $1\frac{1}{2}$ (1 adj.); Zubarev, $1\frac{1}{2}$.

The players who have had their bye so far are : Dus-Chotimirsky, Grünfeld, Lasker, Löwenfisch, Marshall, Romanovski, Torre and Yates. These players' scores are therefore out of seven games and the others out of eight.

Late leading results: Bogoljuboff $8\frac{1}{2}$, Lasker 8, Torre $7\frac{1}{2}$, Marshall 7, Tartakover $6\frac{1}{2}$, Rubinstein 6, Capablanca and Iljin-Zenevsky $5\frac{1}{2}$ each. Capablanca has had the unusual experience of losing two games, to Iljin-Zenevsky and Verlinsky, while Yates has secured a victory over Rubinstein.

United States.—The *Brooklyn Daily Eagle* records much chess activity; the departure of Marshall and Torre for Europe; the progress of the Albert Hallgarten tournament at the Manhattan Chess Club; of the annual handicap of the Brooklyn Chess Club; and of the Dimook tournament at the Marshall Chess Club. In the first named, three promising young players are I. Kashdan, A. S. Pinkus, and H. Steiner; and in the last, our old friend, C. S. Howell, who stood well, impaired his chances by missing a win against Santasiere, and losing. The Newspaper Club opened its season with a rapid transit tourney, won by Leon Rosen, a former State champion. Afterwards, Mr. Helms, who conducts the *Brooklyn Daily Eagle* column so interestingly, played an exhibition game with Mr. Rosen, winning in forty moves.

American local champions: California, Stasch Mlotkowski; Chicago, Samuel Factor; Montreal, J. L. Blanchard.

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New members will be welcomed at any time, and games can be arranged for them at short notice.

By the time these words appear in print, our Year-book should be ready for despatching, and any member not receiving one by the middle of December should let us know. We take this opportunity of wishing all our members A VERY HAPPY XMAS.

All the Trophies have now been despatched and should be in the hands of the winners.

Knock-out Tourney.—The following is now the position of this Tourney. Will members please abide by this list, so that the Competition can be brought to an early conclusion.

No. 1. Gold Medal section. Round 1: 1. E. Bodkin, 2. W. M. Bussell, 3. N. Ovington; 1. Dr. V. H. Rutherford, 2. D. Hulme, 1. H. N. S. Heath, 2. Rev. P. Armitage; 3. Rev. J. Joyce; 1. H. D. Terry, 2. Dr. R. C. Macdonald, 3. Sir S. G. Shead. Semi-final: E. Bodkin, D. Hume, A. H. Brayne.

Silver Medal section : 1. F. A. Richardson, 2. H. Maden, 3. A. Lesser ; 1. J. L. Rynders, 2. S. G. Duffell, 3. Miss H. Chater ; 1. W. E. Hollingdale, 2. J. D. Chambers, 3. J. McCluskey. 1. G. P. Kitchener (bye). Semi-Final : F. A. Richardson, G. P. Kitchener.

Bronze Medal section : 1. R. N. Murray, 2. O. Newbold, 3. H. C. Godfrey ; 1. Mr. Beckingham, 2. C. H. Jago ; 1. J. H. Griffin, 2. W. Lister, 3. A. Schofield, junr. Semi-Final : R. N. Murray.

No. 2. Gold Medal section : Round 1. 1. J. W. Wood, 2. E. E. Goodwin, 3. A. F. Anderton ; 1. W. C. Wallis, 2. K. G. Jayne, 3. H. J. Cope ; 1. W. H. Gunston, 2. T. Palmer, 3. L. Toledano ; 1. T. L. Redfern (bye). Semi-Final : J. W. Wood, H. J. Cope, W. H. Gunston, T. L. Redfern.

Silver Medal section : 1. H. Bardsley, 2. A. R. Gale, 3. R. W. Houghton ; 1. Rev. L. Evill, 2. A. R. Coole, 3. W. Lambert ; 1. Miss L. Eveling, 2. A. White ; 1. R. G. Somerville, 2. W. Snook, 3. A. J. Windybank. Semi-Final : H. Bardsley, A. R. Coole.

Bronze Medal section : 1. W. H. Haydon, junr., 2. P. Wilson, 3. W. H. Laslett ; 1. E. Fairclough, 2. Miss K. New, 3. E. Behrndt ; 1. F. E. Ward, 2. W. H. Jones ; 1. Rev. N. Munro, 2. E. S. Davis. Semi-Final : W. H. Jones.

The following game was played in the Trophies Tourney, 1924-25. Class 1a.

GAME No. 5,578.

WHITE		BLACK		WHITE		BLACK	
W. H. GUNSTON		P. LAWRENCE		W. H. GUNSTON		P. LAWRENCE	
1	P-K 4	1	P-K 4	18	P×P	18	B×P
2	Kt-K B 3	2	Kt-Q B 3	19	Q-Q 2	19	Kt-Q 2
3	B-Kt 5	3	Kt-B 3	20	Kt-B 3	20	Kt-B 4
4	Castles	4	P-Q 3	21	Kt-Q 4	21	B-Q 2
5	Kt-B 3	5	B-K 2	22	B-B 3	22	Q-B 2
6	P-Q 4	6	Kt-Q 2	23	P-Q Kt 4	23	Kt-K 3
7	P-Q 5	7	Q Kt-Kt 1	24	Kt-Q 5	24	P×Kt
8	B-K 3	8	Castles	25	B×P	25	K-R 1
9	Q-Q 2	9	P-Q B 3	26	B×Kt	26	R×R ch
10	B-K 2	10	R-K 1	27	R×R	27	B×B
11	Q R-Q 1	11	Kt-B 1	28	Kt×B	28	Q-B 5
12	Kt-K 1	12	Kt-Kt 3	29	R-K 1	29	B-B 3
13	K-R 1	13	P-K B 4	30	Q×P	30	Q×B P
14	P-K B 4	14	K P×P	31	Q-Q 5	31	Q-B 1
15	B×P	15	Kt×B	32	Kt-B 7	32	Q-K Kt 1
16	Q×Kt	16	R-B 1	33	Q×R	33	Resigns
17	Q P×P	17	Kt P×P				

Knock-out.—Fairclough beat Behrndt.

Handicap.—Evill beat Bardsley (1) ; Bardsley beat Oldfield (2).

The Fund for Mr. Matthews' presentation has now reached £7 5s. 6d.

Match against *Chess Amateur*.—Coole and Garrus have won for us against Barker and Taplin.

CHESS NOTES AND PROBLEMS

(Continued from page 470)

The solutions of the Problems on page 469 are as follows.
Juniors 15. From a game between Treybal and Rubinstein in the Teplitz-Schönau tournament, 1922. Rubinstein instead of Pawn from Q 4—Q 5 played K R—K 1 and the game was eventually drawn. Best for White is 1 P×P, P×P; 2 B—B 1, Kt—B 5; 3 Q—Q 1! and there seems nothing stronger for Black than 3... P—Q 6; 4 B×P! Kt×B; 5 R×Kt, Q×Q R P, with an equal game. If 1 B×P, P×B; 2 B×Kt, Kt—B 5; 3 Q—K 1 (Q—B 2, P—Q 6), K R—K 1 winning the Bishop. If 1 B—Q 2, P—Q 6! 2 B×P, Kt×B; 3 Kt×Kt (Q×Kt, P—B 5 also wins the Bishop), Kt—B 5 wins the Bishop. If 1 B—B 1, Kt—B 5; 2 Q—K 1, P—Q 6; 3 B×Kt (If B—Kt 3, Kt—K 7 ch followed by P—B 5), Q×B; 4 B—Kt 3, P—B 5; 5 B×P, Kt—Kt 4; 6 Kt×Kt (not Kt—Q 4 because of Kt—R 6 ch; 7 K—R 1, R×Kt; 8 P×R, B×P ch and mate in two moves), Q×Kt; 7 P—K Kt 3, Q—Q B 4; 8 B—Kt 3, K R—K 1; 9 Q—Q 1, R—K 7 and White is hopeless. If in this variation 2 B×Kt, Q×B; 3 P×P, P×P; the Queen's Pawn cannot be stopped.

Juniors 16. By Horwitz and Kling. White draws by 1 K—B 5, K—R 5; 2 K—B 4, K—R 6; 3 K—B 3, K—R 7; 4 K—K 3, K—Kt 7; 5 K—Q 3, K—R 6, Kt 6 or B 6; 6 K—B 2, P—R 7; 7 K×P and draws. If 4... K—Kt 6; 5 R—Kt 1 ch, K—R 7; 6 R—Q Kt 1. If 5... K—R 6; 6 K—B 3 threatening mate.

Seniors 15. From a game between Spielmann and Maroczy in the same tournament mentioned above. The last two moves had been 16... Kt (B 3)—R 4; 17 R—R 3, Kt—B 3; 18 R—Kt 3 and he should play Kt—R 4 again. White might try 19 R—Kt 4, but after Q—Q 2; 20 R—Kt 6, R—K 3; 21 B×P, R×R; 22 B×R, P×B; 23 Q×P, Kt—K B 3; 24 Q—Kt 5, Q—Kt 2; 25 Kt×P, Kt—K 5! and Black is safe. If 23 B×Kt, K—R 2. It would lose for White if 19 R—Kt 6, Q—R 5; 20 B×P, R—K 3! with the threat of R×R and Kt—Kt 6 ch. Black might try to make use of his extra Pawn by 18... Kt—K 5 but White by 19 Kt×Kt, P×Kt; 20 B—B 4 ch, K—R 2; 21 B—B 3, Kt—B 4; 22 R—R 3, P—K 6; 23 B—Q 3 has at least an equal game, or 19 B×Kt, P×B; 20 Q—B 1 followed by Q—B 4 ch. The actual game went 18... Q—Q 2; 19 B×P, Kt—Kt 5; 20 Q—B 4 (this crafty move Maroczy overlooked when he played Q—Q 2), Kt—K 7 (in the weak hope that White would allow Kt—B 7 ch); 21 Q×Kt, Kt×R ch; 22 Q×Kt, Resigns.

Seniors 16. White wins by 1 K—B 3, P—R 7; 2 R—K R 4, Kt—B 7; 3 R×P, Kt—K 6 (If Kt—R 6; 4 K—Kt 3); 4 K—Q 3, Kt—Q 4; 5 R—R 4, K—Kt 7; 6 R—Q 4 and wins. If 4... Kt—Q 8; 5 R—R 1, K—B 8; 6 R—Kt 1. If 4... Kt—Kt 5; 5 R—K 2; 6 K—Q 4; 7 R—K Kt 2, according to Black's play. If 4... Kt—B 4; 5 R—R 5 wins the Knight.

There are only eleven solvers of the Junior Problems this month. As I feared, such problems on the Openings are not popular. However,

one solver writes: "I found them most interesting." With regard to 13, question (b). This was set because it is a correction of a variation given in *Modern Chess Openings*. Quite a large percentage of the solvers gave White as having the better game, but did not give sufficient prominence to the fact that Black is a Pawn to the good and has a safe game.

I am very sorry for the printer's errors in Problem 14; most solvers were able to see what was meant. I think probably 7... Kt-B 3 is better than the variation I gave under (a) as after 8... Kt-B 3, 9... B-R 3 is very cramping; my note under (c) "If P-Q 4, 22 Q-B 3" is quite wrong. If I remember correctly, in playing it through, I had the Queen at Q B 4, but, of course, it is already at Q B 3 and if P-Q 4, 22 B-R 3. The Ladder is as follows: "Knowsley," 91, 5, 6, 102; "Tyro," 81, 7, 6, 94; "Ghetto," 79, 6, 6, 91; "Pawn," 79, no solutions; "Thule," 68, 5, 5, 78; "Robo," 54, 3, 6, 63; "Lady Clare," 49, 6, 5, 60; "Lopez," 58, no solutions; "Lily" credited 10, 10 for $9/10=50$, 5-55; "Rook," 51, no solutions; "Particles," 31, 7, 3, 41; "Stale Mate," 27, 5, 6, 38; "Relder," 38, no solutions; "Tyke," 30, -, 5, 35; "Edina," 20, 5, 6, 31; "Nigger" (Sudan), credited 10 for No. 11=28. "Knowsley" therefore takes the prize this month, and his score is cancelled.

ANSWERS TO JUNIORS: "Knowsley"—I do not like 6... P-K 4 in 14. If 22... Kt-Kt 5; 23 Kt-Q 6 seems best. "Robo"—13 (b) was asked for that very reason. 14 (a). Yes, but you must point out specifically where Black went wrong. I think 6... Kt x P is playable, one must run some risk, of course, in gaining material so early. "Lady Clara"—On the contrary, a very good attempt! See answer to "Robo" *re* 14 (a). I cannot follow your answer to 14 (c). You give 21... K-K 1; 22 Q x B. Hope B.G.L. has replied *re* problem. "Particles"—I accept your apologies! Shall give you another chance in a month or two. "Lily"—Sorry the printer's errors put you off in 14. "Edina"—Heartiest congratulations; and success to the Stockbridge Chess Club.

With regard to the Senior Problems, there were sixteen solvers. Senior 13. With regard to (a) the majority of solvers gave 9 Q x Kt, but I cannot agree with them; the majority, too, in (b) gave 9 Kt x Kt, P x Kt; 10 Kt-K 5. In (c) most people gave 11... P-K B 4, which is better than Q x P. With regard to 14, most solvers in answer to (a) gave 9... Q x Q, and one or two Q-R 4. The variation I gave is not satisfactory to Black, and it may therefore be better to play Q x Q. I think the answers to (b), as quoted in November number, are superior to any of those given by my solvers. The Ladder is as follows: "Eze," 91, 6, 4, 101; "Beta" credited 6 for $10=89$, 6, 5, 100; "Pussycat," 83, 4, 6, 93; "Nworb," 75, 4, 7, 86; "Sirius," 73, 6, 6, 85; "Clare," 68, 5, 5, 78; "Nemo," 64, 5, 5, 74; "Delta," 60, 5, 6, 71; "T.E.S.," 70, no solutions; "A-A," 61, 4, 5, 70; "Gambit," 61, 3, 5, 69; "G.A.W.," 58, 4, 5, 67; "C.H.D.," 52, 5, 7, 64; "Cic.," 54, 3, 5, 62; "R.F.D.H.," 38, 5, 3, 46; "Persequere," 23, 4, 6, 33. "Eze" therefore wins the prize this month and his score is cancelled.

ANSWERS TO SENIORS: "Eze"—Your answer to 14 (b) (i) is surely incorrect. If 14 e4-e5, S x e5 is not on, the S is at f6. Hope you are feeling better. "Beta"—I apologise. Credited with 6. "Nworb"—It is generally conceded that it is an advantage to have a majority of Pawns away from the opposing

King. "Clare"—Senior 11. No. 3.., K—K 4 is correct. The Black Rook has moved to Q B 4. "Delta"—It is very difficult to follow your solutions, either on a post card, or such a crowded piece of paper as this time. Sorry for the error in ladder. "A—A"—You give two variations after 8.., Kt × Kt, but do not say which is the better. The whole point of the question. "C.H.D."—9 and 10. Kt—Q 2 is better than Kt—K 5. "Cic"—I rather agree with you as to 13, I never can get much advantage myself out of that kind of development. "Persequere"—I do not like 11 Kt—Kt 3 in your answer to 13 (b); P—K 3 seems best. "Gambit"—See answer to "Nworb."

I am pleased to announce a Special Competition for the readers and solvers of these pages. Prizes to be as follows:—

First, £1; second, 10s.; third, a copy of *Modern Chess Openings*, autographed by the authors.

In addition two special prizes have been offered: (a) Copy *Tournament Book of Marienbad*, 1925, autographed by its author, the well-known chess master, I. Gunsberg, offered to the competitor showing the greatest interest, neatness of solutions and general comprehension of the positions regardless of score. (b) 10s. for the best score by a Junior (not a prize winner).

Eight problems to be submitted. Judge to be R. C. Griffiths.

The idea of the donor (a solver who wishes to be anonymous) is to encourage regular solvers and to induce the casual reader of these pages to become a solver.

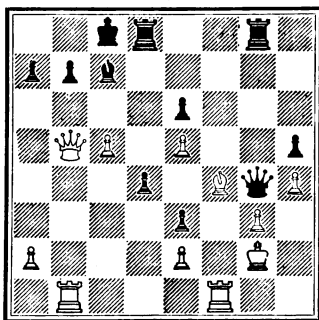
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COMPETITION PROBLEM NO. 1.

After many errors by both players, the following position was reached.

BLACK (11 pieces)
K c8; Q g4; R d8, g8; B c7;
P a7, b7, d4, e3, e6, h5.



WHITE (11 pieces)
K g2; Q b5; R b1, f1; B f4;
P a2, c5, e2, e5, g3, h4.

Black to play.

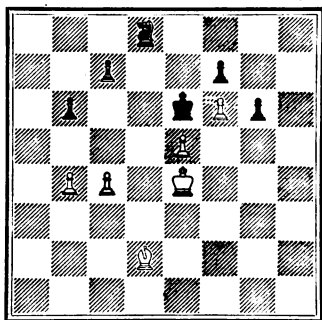
Black has at least four (perhaps more) lines to consider seriously.

DEMONSTRATE what, in your opinion, should be the result in all of the best lines Black may follow.

COMPETITION PROBLEM NO. 2.

After White's 41st move the following position was reached.

BLACK (6 pieces)
K e6; Kt d8; P b6, c7, f7, g6.



WHITE (6 pieces)
K e4; B d2; P b4, c4, e5, f6,
Black to play.

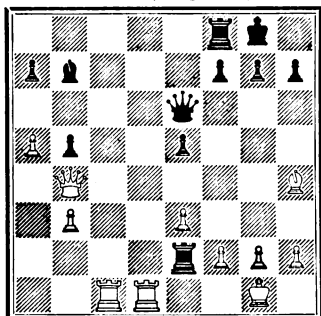
DEMONSTRATE what, in your opinion, should be the result.

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JUNIOR PROBLEMS.

Problem No. 17.

BLACK (11 pieces)



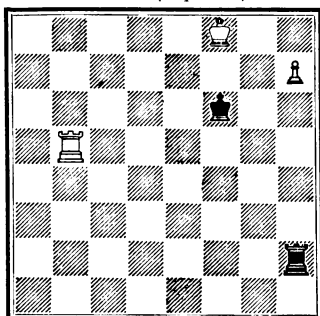
WHITE (11 pieces)

White to play.

How should he continue ?

Problem No. 18.

BLACK (2 pieces)



WHITE (3 pieces)

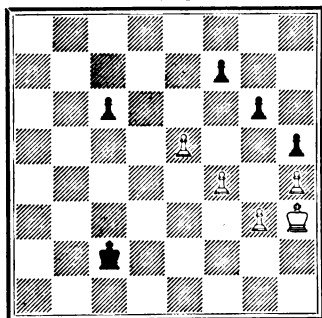
White to play.

What result and how ?

SENIOR PROBLEMS.

Problem No. 17.

BLACK (5 pieces)



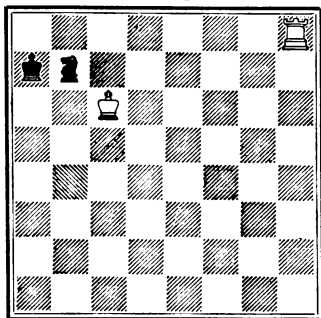
WHITE (5 pieces)

White to play.

What result and how ?

Problem No. 18.

BLACK (2 pieces)



WHITE (2 pieces)

White to play.

What result and how ?

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GAME DEPARTMENT.

Two games from a recent Russian Tournament. Notes by J. H. Blake.

GAME No. 5,579.

Reti's Opening.

WHITE	BLACK
— ROCHLIN	G. LÖWENFISCH
1 Kt—K B 3	1 P—Q 4
2 P—B 4	2 P—Q B 3
3 P—Q Kt 3	3 Kt—K B 3
4 B—Kt 2	4 B—B 4
5 P—K Kt 3	5 P—K 3
6 B—Kt 2	6 B—Q 3
7 Castles	7 Q Kt—Q 2
8 P—Q 4	

.....Hitherto the players have been following the game Reti *v.* Dr. Lasker, from the New York Tournament. White there continued 8 P—Q 3; but here he switches off to a kind of Queen's Gambit Declined with a King's fianchetto development.

	8 P—K R 3
9 Q Kt—Q 2	9 Castles
10 Kt—K 5	

Very questionable. Black is able to make a target of White's Pawn at K 5, which cannot be supported by P—B 4 owing to the weakness of White's K 3 square. 10 R—K 1 intending 11 Kt—R 4 and 12 P—K 4 would provide a fair game, and there are other courses open to him.

	10 B×Kt
11 P×B	11 Kt—Kt 5
12 Kt—B 3	12 B—K 5
13 R—K 1	13 Q—B 2

.....If 13..., Q—Kt 3, 14 P—B 5, and then if ..., Kt×P, 15 B—Q 4, with R—B 1 to follow.

14 P×P

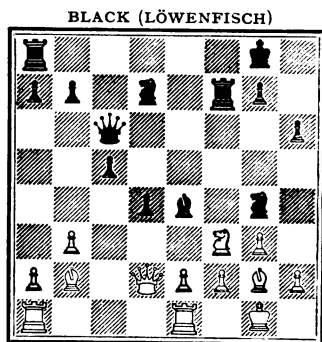
Much better was 14 B—R 3. If Black allowed the Bishop to get to Q 6 his Knight at Kt 5 would afterwards be in great danger; if he prevented this by 14..., P—B 4 his centre would be weakened and open to attack.

	14 K P×P
15 Q—Q 4	15 P—Q B 4
16 Q—B 3	16 Q—Kt 3

.....To enable him to play ... P—Q 5 presently without leaving White the reply of Kt×P.

17 P—K 6	17 P—Q 5
18 P×P ch	18 R×P
19 Q—Q 2	19 Q—Q B 3

Position after 19..., Q—Q B 3.



20 Kt×P

A promising looking line enough—until Black's beautiful surprise in reply is realised. Apparently he had no better course than to play humbly 20 R—K B 1. If he tried 20 P—K R 3 Black intended to sacrifice the Knight by 20 Kt×P, 21 Kt×Kt, Q—K Kt 3, with a great attack.

	20 R×P!
21 Kt—B 3	21 B×Kt
22 B×B	22 Q×B!
23 P×Q	23 R×Q
24 B—B 1	24 Kt×P

.....The shortest way to complete White's discomfiture.

25 B×R
26 K—Kt 2
27 R×Kt
28 B—B 4
29 R—Q 1
30 K—B 3

25 Kt×P ch
26 Kt×R ch
27 K—B 2
28 R—K 1
29 Kt—B 3
30 P—K Kt 4

31 B—B 7
32 K—B 4?
33 Resigns

31 P—Kt 5 ch
32 K—Kt 3

He can avert mate only by 33 B—K 5 whereupon ..., Kt—R 4 ch, 34 K—K 4, Kt×P ch, etc.

GAME No. 5,580.

Queen's Pawn Game.

WHITE	BLACK
— GOLUBEFF	G. LÖWENFISCH
1 P—Q 4	1 Kt—K B 3
2 Kt—K B 3	2 P—Q 3
3 B—B 4	3 P—K Kt 3
4 P—K R 3	4 B—Kt 2
5 P—B 3	5 Castles
6 Q Kt—Q 2	6 Q Kt—Q 2
7 P—K 3	7 P—Q Kt 3

.....To prepare the advance of the King's Pawn by 7..., R—K 1 is more in accordance with the spirit of the defence adopted.

8 Q—R 4

Borrowing an idea from the Queen's Gambit Declined, but it is of far less value here than there, and as carried out merely assists White's development.

9 B—Q R 6?	8 P—B 4
10 K P×P	9 P×P
11 B×B	10 P—K 4!
12 B—K 3	11 R×B

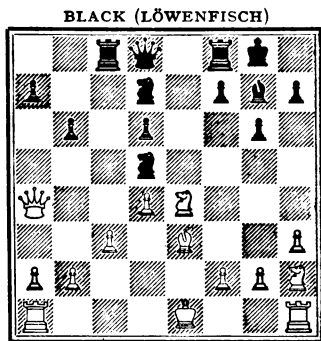
4 P—K R 3 was played in order that the Bishop might, when necessary, retreat to K R 2, keeping a hold upon K 5 and Q 6; the abandonment under pressure (... P×P and ... R—K 1 ch being threatened) is a clear indication of the incoherence of his play at moves 8 and 9. Black has now the attack and pursues it remorselessly.

13 Kt—R 2	12 P—K 5
14 Kt×P	13 Kt—Q 4!

A disastrous capture. He had probably nothing better than 14 Kt—Kt 4, for if 14..., P—B 4 then 15 Q—Kt 3!; Black would

therefore be likely to reply 14... K—R 1; then 15 B—R 6 leaves him some chance of holding his game together.

Position after 14..., Kt×P.



WHITE (GOLOBEFF)	BLACK (LÖWENFISCH)
15 Kt×P	14 R—K 1!
16 P×R	15 R×B ch!
17 K—K 2	16 Q—R 5 ch

Not 17 K—B 1 because of ... Q—B 3 ch winning the Knight. Nor 17 K—K 1 because of ... Q—B 7; 18 Kt—Kt 4, Q×Q Kt P. Black's reply to the next move is another fine surprise stroke, evidently foreseen.

18 Kt—Kt 4	17 R×P!
	18 Q—Kt 6

.....If 18 Q×Kt, R—B 7 ch forces mate.

19 Kt—B 4	19 Kt—B 5 ch
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.....The crowning stroke, forcing the gain of the White Queen; and as White's Rooks cannot afterwards be united, the rest is a matter of technique.

20 ♠ P × Kt	20 Q—Q 6 ch	27 K—K 1	27 Q—K 6 ch
21 K—K 1	21 R—B 7	28 K—Q 1	28 Kt—Q 6
22 Q × R	22 Q × Q	29 R—K B 1	29 Kt—B 7 ch
23 Kt—Q 2	23 B × P	30 K—B 1	30 Kt—K 5
24 K—K 2	24 Kt—B 4	31 R—Q 1	31 Q—B 4 ch
25 ♠ Kt—K 5	25 B × Kt	32 K—Kt 1	32 Kt × Kt ch
26 ♠ P × B	26 Q—Q 6 ch	33 Resigns	

GAME NO. 5581.

Played at San Francisco. Notes by J.H.B.

French Defence.

WHITE	BLACK
E. W. GRUER (b'fold)	R. ROTHBERG
1 P—K 4	1 P—K 3
2 P—Q 4	2 P—Q 4
3 Kt—Q B 3	3 B—Kt 5
4 P × P	4 Q × P

.....An inferior line; sooner or later the Queen must withdraw, and Black is then liable to find that with no Pawn at Q 4 he has lost command of the centre squares.

5 Kt—B 3	5 Kt—K B 3
6 B—Q 3	6 P—Q Kt 3
7 Castles	7 Q—Q 1
8 B—K Kt 5	8 B—K 2

.....Now Black has five undeveloped pieces to White's two—in itself a condemnation of his opening. It would be better to play 8..., B × Kt; 9 P × B, B—Kt 2.

9 B × Kt	9 B × B
10 ♠ B—K 4	10 P—B 3
11 ♠ Kt—K 5	11 B—Kt 2

.....11..., B × Kt; 12 P × B, Q × Q; 13 Q R × Q would be no improvement for Black.

12 Q—B 3	12 B × Kt
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.....There is nothing else now. 12..., Q—B 1; 13 Kt—Kt 5, K—K 2 has been suggested; but then 14 Q—R 3 ch, P—B 4; 15 P × P wins.

13 P × B	13 Castles
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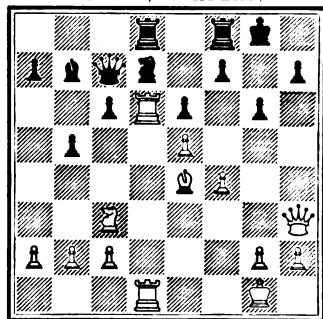
.....Mr. Mlotkowski suggests that 13..., Q—B 2 was a little better.

14 Q—R 3	14 P—K Kt 3
15 Q R—Q 1	15 Q—B 2
16 R—Q 6	16 Kt—Q 2
17 P—B 4	17 Q R—Q 1
18 K R—Q 1	18 P—Q Kt 4

.....Very timid, but he has no quite satisfactory course at command. 18..., Kt—B 4; 19 P—Q Kt 4; or 18..., K—Kt 2; 19 Q—R 4 (threatening 20 Q—K 7); or 18..., Kt—Kt 1; 19 Q—Q 3; or 18..., P—K B 4; 19 P × P e.p., R × P; 20 B—B 3 with 21 Kt—K 4 to follow.

Position after 18..., P—Q Kt 4.

BLACK (ROTHBERG)



WHITE (GRUER)

19 B × Kt P!

This would be a combination to be proud of even with sight of the board.

19 R P × B

.....If 19..., B P × B; 20 Q × K P ch, R—B 2; 21 Kt—K 4, B—B 1; 22 Kt—Kt 5, R—B 1; 23 Kt × R, R × Kt; 24 Q—K 8 ch,

Kt—B 1; 25 R—Q 8, B—B 4;
26 P—K 6 and wins.

20 Kt—K 4 20 K—Kt 2
21 Kt—Kt 5 21 K R—R 1
22 Kt×P ch

This is the crux of the combination, and it was necessary to foresee it before embarking on

the original sacrifice. Black's case is now desperate.

22 P×Kt
23 Kt×P
24 K—R 2
25 R×R
26 Kt—B 2
27 Resigns

GAME No. 5,582.

Played in the California State Championship Tournament (see page 420). Notes by J.H.B.

Queen's Pawn Game.

WHITE

E. W. GRUER

1 P—Q 4

2 P—K B 4

BLACK

S. MLOTKOWSKI

1 P—K 3

12 Q R—B 1

He could now have played 12 B—R 3 rather effectively.

12 P×P

13 Q—Q 2

13 K P×P

14 Q R—K 1

This might very well wait the development of his King's side plans, 14 Kt—B 2 and 15 P—K Kt 4. Black disapproves of his next move, in favour of 14... Kt—K 1. It may be said here that the state of the score required both players to try for a win, the game being in the final round.

14 Q R—B 1

15 K R—Q 1

15 Kt—B 2

16 P—K Kt 4

17 Q—Kt 3

18 P—K R 4

19 Kt—B 3

It has been suggested that 19 Q—K 3 should have been played, to prevent Black's next.

19 P—B 4

20 Kt—K 5

21 B P×B

22 B×Kt

20 B×Kt

21 Kt—K 5

22 Q P×B

..... B P×B was much better.

23 Kt—Q 1

For White might now, by 23 P—B 4, have obtained a marked superiority of position, Black's Bishop being rendered almost helpless, unless he choose to sacrifice the King's Pawn to

The Stonewall development, very rarely seen in master play since Marshall tried it in the Vienna Tournament of 1908.

2 P—Q B 4

3 P—K 3

4 P—B 3

3 P—Q 4

4 Kt—K B 3

.....Steinitz proposed to treat the opening by ... Kt—K R 3, ... Kt—Q B 3, and, at a suitable moment later, ... P—B 3 and ... P—K 4.

5 B—Q 3

6 Q—B 3

7 Kt—Q 2

5 Kt—B 3

6 Q—B 2

7 P—Q Kt 3

.....Rubinstein in 1908 played ... B—Q 2, but Teichmann adopted the fianchetto plan.

8 Kt—R 3

9 Castles

8 B—Kt 2

9 P—Kt 3

.....9... B—Q 3 (as played by Rubinstein seems better). Against it White can neither play P—B 5 nor Kt—B 2 followed by P—K 4 without first safeguarding himself by P—K Kt 3, and that makes a target for Black's King's Rook's Pawn.

10 P—Q Kt 3 10 B—Kt 2

11 B—Kt 2 11 Castles, K R

.....Rubinstein Castled on the Queen's side. See also Price v. Yates, Southsea, 1923.

extricate it. 23 P×P, Kt×P!
would be of no use to White.

23 Kt—Q 4

.....Not good. He should rather play 23... P×P and 24... Kt—B 4, that being a very strong post for the Knight.

24 Kt—K 3

.....For now 24 P×P, K P×P; 25 B—B 1 again gives White the better game.

24 Kt×Kt

.....Not 24... P—B 5, because of 25 Kt×Kt, P×Q; 26 Kt—B 6 ch, etc.

25 R×Kt

25 Q×Kt would prevent Black's next (the reply being 26 Q—R 6); and Black could not venture upon 25... P×P because of 26 B—R 3!

25 K—B 2

26 Q—B 4

26 R—K Kt 1

27 K—R 2

The King's exit should be *via* B 2 in order to get the co-operation of both Rooks in his King's side attack; but this is not urgent, and it might have been better to take this last opportunity of playing 27 P—B 4.

27 Q—K 2

28 P—Kt5

Now R—R 3 should come at once; after the text move it ceases to be dangerous, because it cannot be supported by Q—R 6.

28 P—Kt 4!

29 R—R 3?

29 P—Q R 4

30 R—Q B 1

White was afterwards of opinion that he should have played 30 Q—B 1, to which a good answer is ... B—Q 4.

30 P—R 5

31 Q—B 1

31 P×P

32 P×P

32 B—Q 4

33 Q—Q 1

33 Q—Kt 2

34 R—R 1

34 K—Kt 3 was necessary at once, to prevent ... P—B 5, which Black however overlooks.

34 K—Kt 2?

35 K—Kt 3

35 K R—B 1

36 K—B 4!

36 R—K R 1

37 B—R 3

37 R—R 1

38 Q—B 2

37 P—R 5 should precede this. If 37... P—R 3, then 38 R—Kt 3!

38 P—R 3

39 P×P ch

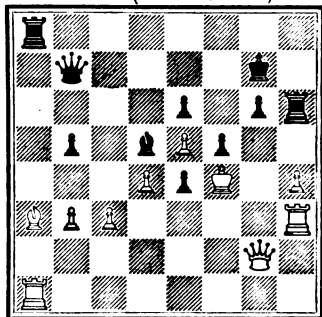
Mr. Mlotkowski points out that 39 Q—K Kt 2 was much stronger; if 39... B×P, 40 P—R 5! Or if 39... P—K 6; 40 P×P ch, R×P; 41 Q—Kt 5! Black would have therefore to reply 39... P—R 4, finally blocking the King's wing, after which neither player would have much prospect of opening up the game to his own advantage.

39 R×P

40 Q—K Kt 2

Position after 40... Q—K Kt 2.

BLACK (MLOTKOWSKI)



WHITE (GRUER)

40 R×B

.....A tempting combination, but with great risk of only drawing. A safer way of trying for a win was 40... Q—K B 2; this puts White in a serious dilemma. If 41 B—Kt 2, there follows ... P—Kt 4 ch! 42 P×P, R×R; 43 Q×R, R—R 1; 44 Q—Kt 3, Q—R 4; 45 R—K 1, Q—R 7; 46 Q×Q, R×Q; 47 B—B 1, R—B 7 ch; 48 K—Kt 3, R—B 6 ch; and Black should win. To avoid this combination White must reply to 40... Q—K B 2 with 41 Q—Kt 5, R—K R 4; 42 Q—B 6 ch, Q×Q; 43 P×Q ch, K—B 2 (better than ... K×P, because of 44 P—B 4, P×P;

45 P×P, and Black cannot capture on account of 46 B—K 7 ch winning the Exchange), 44 B—Kt 2, R—K Kt 1; and Black has excellent winning prospects.

41 R×R 41 Q—K 2
42 Q—Q R 2

Leading to immediate disaster. His only chance lay in trying to draw by 42 Q—Kt 5, Q×R; 43 Q—B 6 ch, K—Kt 1; 44 P—B 4. Now if 44... P×P; 45 P×P, Q—B 8 ch; 46 R—K 3, Q—B 8 ch; 47 K—Kt 5, Black would be under the necessity of forcing a draw himself; he must therefore play 44... P—Kt 4 ch; 45 Q×P ch, K—B 2; 46 R—Q B 3 (... Q—B 8 ch must now be

prevented), R—Kt 3; 47 Q—R 5 ch, K—Kt 2; 48 P×B, R—Kt 5 ch; 49 K—K 3, R—Kt 6 ch; 50 K—B 4, R×R; 51 Q—Kt 5 ch, K—B 2 (K—B 1 only draws by 52 Q—Q 8 ch, K—B 2; 53 P×P ch, K×P; 54 P—Q 5 ch, K—B 2; 55 P—K 6 ch, K—Kt 2; 56 Q—Kt 5 ch, etc.); 52 P×P ch, K—K 1!; 53 Q—Kt 6 ch, K—Q 1; 54 Q—Kt 8 ch, K—B 2; 55 Q—B 7 ch, K—Kt 3; and White has no time for a Pawn move on account of the deadly ... Q—B 8 ch.

43 R×R 42 R×P ch
44 K—K 3 43 Q×R ch
45 Q—K 2 44 Q—K 8 ch
46 Resigns 45 P—B 5 ch

Two games from the French Championship Tournament at Nice.
Notes by J.H.B.

GAME No. 5,583.

Queen's Gambit Declined.

WHITE	BLACK
M. DUCHAMP	H. BERTRAND
1 P—Q 4	1 P—K 3
2 P—Q B 4	2 P—Q 4
3 Kt—K B 3	3 Kt—K B 3
4 Kt—B 3	4 B—K 2
5 B—Kt 5	5 Q Kt—Q 2
6 P—K 3	6 P—Q B 3

.....Too late for the Cambridge Springs Defence, and too early for the orthodox variation, in which it is only necessary when White plays 7 R—B 1.

7 R—B 1

Now merely a routine move. He could here play the 7 Q—B 2 attack effectively, because, the best defence to that attack being ... P—Q B 4, Black would now be a move in arrear.

8 B×B	7 Kt—K 5
9 P×P?	8 Q×B
10 R×Kt	9 Kt×Kt

10 P×Kt may, perhaps, have been better, but White thought it gave a "drawish" game. See, however, his 14th, 16th and 19th

moves, where he needs co-operation of the Rooks.

11 B—Q 3	10 K P×P
12 Q—B 2?	11 Castles
13 Castles	12 P—K Kt 3
	13 P—K B 4

.....A positional error, leaving White in ultimate command of his K 5 square. It would be more consistent with his last to play now 13... Kt—Kt 3, followed by developing the Queen's side pieces, then bringing back the Knight via Q B 1 and Q 3.

14 R—K 1

Although this is conformable to a well-known maxim by Blackburne, it is here not very strong, because after his Knight has occupied K 5 the Rook will be left unprotected. Black's Queen's wing is going to be left weak, and White should prepare to attack it, by 14 P—Q R 4, the method by which Rubinstein deals with such positions.

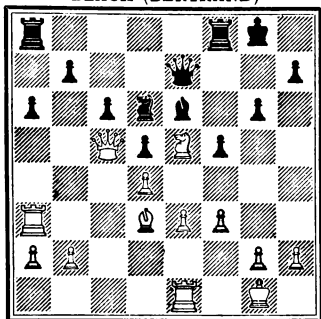
15 Kt—K 5	14 Kt—B 3
	15 Kt—K 5

16 R—R 3 16 B—K 3
 17 P—B 3 17 Kt—Q 3
 18 Q—B 5 18 P—Q R 3

.....If 18... Kt—B 1; 19 P—Q Kt 4! and Black's position is weak, whether he exchanges Queens or not.

Position after 18... P—Q R 3.

BLACK (BERTRAND)



WHITE (DUCHAMP)

19 P—K 4

His King's Rook being unprotected this is not nearly as good as it looks. 19 P—Q Kt 4, preparing for a further Queen's side advance, is still the right policy.

19 Q—Q B 2

.....But White's "bluff" has succeeded! The better course was 19... Q R—K 1; it threatens 20... B P×P; 21 P×P, Kt×P,

with exchange of Queens, the break up of White's centre, and superior position in the end-game for Black. If 20 P×Q P, B×P.

20 P×Q P 20 B×P
 21 B—B 4 21 Kt×B
 22 Kt×Kt 22 K R—K 1

.....22 B×Kt; 23 Q×B ch, Q—B 2; 24 Q—B 5, Q R—K 1 was much better...

23 Q R—K 3 23 R×R
 24 R×R 24 K—B 2

.....This is fatal, and 24... B×Kt is no longer satisfactory; e.g. 25 Q×B ch, Q—B 2; 26 R—K 6, R—Q 1; 27 Q—K 2, and Black's position is very bad. 24... R—Q 1; 25 R—K 7, Q—B 5 is the best attempt at a diversion which seems to be left to him.

25 Kt—Q 6 ch 25 K—Kt 1
 26 Kt—K 8 26 Q—Q 1

.....26... Q—B 2; 27 R—K 7, R×Kt; 28 R×Q, K×R was now his best, and would still give White much trouble to win.

27 R—K 7 27 B—B 2
 28 Kt—B 6 ch

.....Much more forcible than 28 Q—K 5, Q×Kt; 29 R×Q ch, R×R.

28 K—Kt 2
 29 Q—K 5 29 K—B 1
 30 R—Q 7 30 Resigns

GAME No. 5,584.

Queen's Pawn Game, Buda-Pest Defence.

WHITE	BLACK
M. DUCHAMP	R. CRÉPEAUX
1 P—Q 4	1 Kt—K B 3
2 P—Q B 4	2 P—K 4
3 P×P	3 Kt—Kt 5
4 P—K 4	4 P—K R 4
....4... Kt×KP is relatively better but not satisfactory. See Game No. 5420 August (Alekhine v. Rabinovitch).	
5 B—K 2	

A good alternative is 5 Kt—Q B 3 as given in *M.C.O.* but the next move is also satisfactory.

5 Kt—Q B 3
 6 P—K 6
 Excellent!
 6 Q—B 3
 7 P×B P ch 7 Q×P
 8 Kt—K B 3 8 B—B 4
 9 Castles 9 P—Q 3
 10 B—Kt 5! 10 B—K 3
 11 Q Kt—Q 2 11 Kt—K 2

.....White has already such facilities for storming the Queen's wing that it would probably have been better to Castle K R in spite of the bad Pawn position.

- 12 P—Q R 3! 12 Castles Q R
 13 P—Kt 4 13 B—Kt 3
 14 P—Q R 4 14 P—Q B 3
 15 P—R 5 15 B—B 2
 16 P—Kt 5 16 P—Q 4

.....He must attempt a diversion in some direction or other and this is the only one that promises anything.

- 17 B P × Q P 17 P × Q P
 18 P—Kt 6

A powerful stroke; White understands well the conduct of an attack.

- 18 R P × P
 19 R P × P 19 B × P
 20 R—R 8 ch 20 K—B 2
 21 Q—B 2 ch

He should give this check at B 1 so as to be able, after 21..., K—Q 3, to continue 22 B—B 4 ch, Q × B; 23 R × R ch, R × R; 24 Kt—B 4 ch winning the Queen.

21 Kt—B 3

.....For Black might now have tried 21..., K—Q 3; 22 R × R ch, B × R (best, if..., R × R; 23 B—R 4), if then 23 B—R 4, Black escapes by ..., K—Q 2. However, White has another resource in 23 P—R 3, Kt—R 3 (... Kt—K 4; 24 Kt × Kt, K × Kt; 25 P—B 4 ch, K—Q 3; 26 P—K 5 ch, K—Q 2; 27 B—Kt 5 ch, Kt—B 3; 28 B × B, and 29 P—B 5 with winning attack); 24 P—K 5 ch, K—Q 2; 25 B—Kt 5 ch, Kt—B 3; 26 Kt—Kt 3, and Black is in great difficulties.

- 22 B × R ch 22 R × B
 23 R × R 23 K × R
 24 P × P

White now begins to weaken appreciably, a reaction quite common when a player has had so much his own way throughout. A better course here was 24 Kt—Kt 5, Q—B 3 (24..., B × P ch; 25 K—R 1, Q—B 3; 26 Kt × B ch Q × Kt; 27 B × Kt, P × B; 28 R × B and wins), 25 Kt × B ch, Q × Kt; 26 B × Kt, B × B; 27 P × P, Q × P; 28 Kt—B 4, and Black has nothing left to play on for.

24 B × P

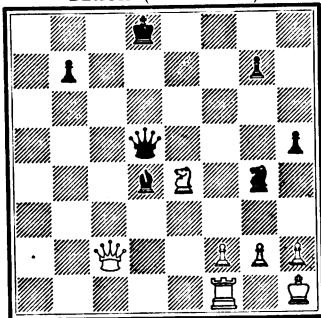
- 25 B—B 4 25 Kt—Q 5
 26 B × B

26 Q—Kt 2 compels ..., Kt × Kt ch; 27 Kt × Kt, with the prospect of bringing his Rook to bear on the exposed Black King.

- 26 Kt—K 7 ch
 27 K—R 1 27 Q × B
 28 Kt—K 4 28 Kt—Q 5
 29 Kt × Kt 29 B × Kt

Position after 29..., B × Kt.

BLACK (CRÉPEAUX)



BLACK (DUCHAMP)

- 30 R—B 1

And now comes a fatal error; evidently he had not realised the danger of Black's reply. 30 P—K R 3 was a safe course which would win by a slow process, but the most conclusive line was 30 R—Q 1, which ultimately wins a piece. If 30..., Q—K 4; 31 P—B 4! If 30..., Q × Kt; 31 Q × Q, Kt × P ch; 32 K—Kt 1, Kt × Q ch; 33 R × B ch and wins.

- 30 Q × Kt!
 31 Q—B 7 ch 31 K—K 1
 32 Q—Kt 8 ch 32 K—B 2
 33 Q—B 7 ch 33 K—Kt 3
 34 P—B 3 34 Kt—B 7 ch
 35 K—Kt 1 35 Q—K 6

In playing for smothered mate he misses the shorter mate already existing by 35..., Kt—Q 8 ch; 36 K—B 1, Q—Q 6 ch; 37 K—K 1, B—B 7 mate. A very lucky escape for Black, to whom the loss of the game might have meant only tying for the first prizes.

- 36 Q—B 2 ch 36 Kt—Q 6 ch
 37 Resigns

Games played in the Swiss Championship Tournament at Zurich
(see page 383).

GAME No. 5,585.

Queen's Gambit Declined.

WHITE		BLACK		WHITE		BLACK	
O. ZIMMERMAN		A. CHÉRON		O. ZIMMERMAN		A. CHÉRON	
1	P—Q 4	1	P—Q 4	20	B—R 5	20	R—K 2
2	P—Q B 4	2	P—Q B 3	21	Kt—K 2	21	P—K 4
3	P—K 3	3	B—B 4	22	P—K 4	22	K—R 1
4	Kt—Q B 3	4	P—K 3	23	P×Q P	23	B P×P
5	Q—Kt 3	5	Q—Kt 3	24	Kt—B 3	24	Q Kt—B 3
6	P—B 5	6	Q—B 2	25	B—B 3	25	P—K 5
7	B—Q 2	7	Kt—Q 2	26	B—K 2	26	B×P chl
8	R—B 1	8	P—K 4	27	R×B	27	P—K 6
9	Q—Q 1	9	P—K 5	28	B×P	28	R×B
10	P—Q Kt 4	10	K Kt—B 3	29	R—B 3	29	Q—K 2
11	K Kt—K 2	11	B—Kt 5	30	Q—Q 1	30	Kt—Kt 4
12	Q—Kt 3	12	B—K 2	31	R—B 2	31	R×P 1
13	P—K R 3	13	B—K 3	32	B—B 3	32	Q—K 6
14	Kt—B 4	14	Castles K R	33	Q R—B 2	33	R×B
15	B—K 2	15	P—K R 3	34	P×R	34	Kt—R 6 ch
16	Castles	16	Kt—R 2	35	K—Kt 2	35	Kt×R
17	Kt×B	17	P×Kt	36	K—Q 2	36	Kt—Kt 5 1
18	Kt×K P	18	Q R—K 1	37	Resigns		
19	Kt—Kt 3	19	B—R 5				

GAME No. 5,586.

Ruy Lopez.

WHITE		BLACK		WHITE		BLACK	
H. JOHNER		A. CHÉRON		H. JOHNER		A. CHÉRON	
1	P—K 4	1	P—K 4	13	B—B 2	13	Kt—B 5
2	Kt—K B 3	2	Kt—Q B 3	14	Q—Q 3	14	P—K Kt 3
3	B—Kt 5	3	P—Q R 3	15	Kt—Q 4	15	P—Q B 4
4	B—R 4	4	Kt—B 3	16	Kt—B 6	16	Q—Q 2
5	Castles	5	Kt×P	17	Kt×B ch	17	Q×Kt
6	P—Q 4	6	P—Q Kt 4	18	Q—Kt 3 1	18	K R—K 1
7	B—Kt 3	7	P—Q 4	19	B—Kt 5	19	Q—Q 2 ?
8	P×P	8	B—K 3	20	B—B 6	20	K R—Q B 1
9	P—B 3	9	B—K 2	21	Q—Kt 5	21	Q—K 1
10	R—K 1	10	Castles	22	P—K B 4	22	Kt×Kt P
11	Q Kt—Q 2	11	Kt×Kt ?	23	P—B 5	23	Kt—B 5
12	Q×Kt	12	Kt—R 4	24	P×B	24	Resigns

GAME No. 5,587.

Alekhine's Defence.

WHITE		BLACK		WHITE		BLACK	
DR. T. FREY		DR. E. VOELLMY		DR. T. FREY		DR. E. VOELLMY	
1	P—K 4	1	Kt—K B 3	9	B—Q 2	9	Castles
2	P—K 5	2	Kt—Q 4	10	B—K 2	10	Kt—Q 2
3	P—Q B 4	3	Kt—Kt 3	11	Castles	11	B—Q 3 ?
4	P—B 5	4	Kt—Q 4	12	Kt—B 4	12	B—K 2
5	P—Q 4	5	P—Q 3	13	Kt—B 3	13	Q Kt—B 3
6	B P×P	6	K P×P	14	B—K 3	14	B—K 3
7	Kt—K B 3	7	P×P	15	Q R—B 1	15	P—B 3
8	Kt×P	8	B—Kt 5 ch	16	B—Q 3	16	Q—B 2

17 Kt—K 5	17 Q R—Q 1	27 R—R 3	27 P—K Kt 3
18 Q—K 2	18 K R—K 1	28 R—Kt 3	28 Kt—K 3
19 B—Kt 1	19 Kt—Q 2	29 P—B 5	29 Kt×P
20 Q Kt×Kt	20 B×Kt	30 P×P 1	20 Kt—K 7 ch
21 Q—R 5	21 Kt—B 1	31 Q×Kt	31 B P×P
22 P—B 4	22 B—Q 3	32 B×P 1	32 P×B
23 B—Q 2	23 Q—Kt 3	33 R×P ch	33 R—Kt 2
24 B—B 3	24 R—K 2	34 Kt—Q 7 1	34 B—K 4
25 Q R—K 1	25 Q R—K 1	35 R×R ch	35 B×R
26 R—K 3	26 Q—B 2	36 Q×R ch	36 Resigns

A very fine combination.

GAME No. 5,588.

Played in a correspondence tournament promoted by *La Revue Suisse d'échecs*.

Ponziani's Opening.

WHITE		BLACK	
J. BLUM		W. HENNEBERGER	
1 P—K 4	1 P—K 4	17 Q—Q 2	17 B—Q 2
2 Kt—K B 3	2 Kt—Q B 3	18 P—K R 4	18 Q—R 4
3 P—B 3	3 P—Q 3	19 K—Kt 1	19 Q R—B 1
4 P—Q 4	4 B—K 2	20 B—Kt 5	20 B—Q 3
5 B—K 3	5 Kt—B 3	21 P—R 5	21 B—R 5
6 Q Kt—Q 2	6 Castles	22 Q R—K B 1	22 B—K 4
7 Q—B 2	7 K Kt—Kt 5	23 B—K 3	23 R—B 5
8 Kt—B 4	8 P—B 4	24 K—R 1	24 B×Kt
9 P×K P?	9 B P×P	25 P×B	25 Q—R 3
10 Kt—Q 4	10 P—Q 4	26 R—B 1	26 B—Kt 6
11 Castles	11 Q Kt×K P	27 P—R 3	27 B—B 7
12 Kt×Kt	12 Kt×Kt	28 B—Kt 5	28 R—B 2
13 B—K 2	13 P—B 4	29 R—R 4	29 R—R 5
14 Kt—Kt 3	14 P—B 5	30 Q—B 3	30 R—B 2 1
15 Kt—Q 4	15 Kt—Q 6 ch	31 Resigns	
16 B×Kt	16 B P×B		

GAME No. 5,589.

Played in the British Championship Tournament at Stratford-on-Avon.

Four Knights' Game.

WHITE		BLACK	
F. D. YATES		T. H. TYLOR	
1 P—K 4	1 P—K 4	19 Q R—Kt 1	19 Kt—Q 2
2 Kt—K B 3	2 Kt—Q B 3	20 R—Kt 3	20 P—Q B 4
3 Kt—B 3	3 Kt—B 3	21 P×P	21 Kt×P
4 B—Kt 5	4 B—Kt 5	22 B×Kt	22 P×B
5 Castles	5 Castles	23 K—B 2	23 R×R
6 P—Q 3	6 B×Kt	24 B P×R	24 R—Q 7 ch
7 P×B	7 P—Q 3	25 R—K 2	25 R×R ch
8 R—K 1	8 B—Kt 5	26 K×R	26 K—B 1
9 P—K R 3	9 B—R 4	27 P—B 5	27 K—K 2
10 P—Q 4	10 P×P	28 P—B 4	28 K—Q 3
11 P×P	11 Q×P	29 K—Q 3	29 P—Q R 3
12 P×B	12 Kt—K R 4	30 K—B 4	30 K—B 3
13 P—K B 4	13 Q—R 5	31 P—K 5	31 K—Q 2
14 B×Kt	14 P×B	32 K×P	32 K—K 2
15 Q—Kt 4	15 Q×Q	33 K—Q 5	33 P—Kt 3
16 P×Q	16 Kt—B 3	34 K—K 4	34 K—B 1
17 P—K B 3	17 Q R—Kt 1	35 P×P	35 Resigns
18 B—R 3	18 K R—Q 1		

PROBLEM WORLD

By B. G. LAWS.

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BRITISH CHESS PROBLEM SOCIETY.

The annual general meeting of the Society took place on the 31st October last, when the Accounts and Report, which showed a very satisfactory position, were adopted, though it was made plain that if the ambitions of the committee were to be achieved, the enrolment of more members was necessary. The officers were re-elected, save that the members present were fortunate in persuading the Rev. N. Bonavia-Hunt to take the place of the retiring secretary, Mr. G. W. Chandler, the latter having expressed willingness to continue the office of treasurer which he took up temporarily through the absence abroad of Mr. H. D'O. Bernard. Votes of thanks were accorded to Mr. Chandler for the thoroughness of his work in the interests of the Society during the five years, or so he conducted its proceedings and propaganda; to Mr. D. Pirnie for the excellent manner in which he had carried out the secretarial duties and prepared the Report during the interregnum; to Mr. Bernard for his able services as treasurer from the date of the Society's establishment in 1918 until his enforced residence in the South of France for domestic reasons some months ago, also to Mr. W. E. Shawcross for again acting as hon. auditor.

In view of the fewness of entries for the Second Annual Championship Tourney it was decided to accept problems up to the 15th of this month. The particulars of the competition were given at page 473 in our last volume, but entries should be sent to Mr. D. Pirnie, 10 Northwood Road, Highgate, N.6. Messrs. Keeble and Laws were appointed to adjudicate.

The 1925-6 programme, as proposed by the committee, was agreed to, which includes two- and three-move problem tourneys, solving competitions for adepts and novices (or "improvers") in addition to the usual monthly meetings when lectures, etc., will be the attractions. Notice of these will be found in the advertisement appearing in this issue. The first—a *Conversazione*—took place on 27th ult., the second is fixed for Friday, 18th inst., when Mr. Pirnie will give a paper, "Solving Troubles."

FIFTH INTERNATIONAL PROBLEM COMPOSING TOURNEY 1926.

The British Chess Problem Society invites entries for its fifth composing tourney divided into two sections for direct-mate problems in two and three moves. To be eligible for the tourney, problems must contain one or more lines of play leading to mate in not more than the desired number of moves without White's first move being made and some of this "set-play" must be altered in the actual solution after the key move. The problems need not necessarily be in complete block form with the whole of Black's initially available defence provided for. The following comments are added in amplification of

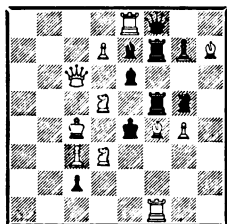
the tourney conditions to make clearer the committee's conception of the ideas involved. The alteration in the set-play may take place in White moves or Black moves or both. They may include the substitution of new mates or manoeuvres for set mates or manoeuvres (after the manner of the "Mutate"); or they may involve the suppression and/or addition of play (as found in various types of added-play and substituted-play blocks). Where the problem is not of complete-block form it is envisaged that the changes which occur shall not be trivial but shall be of a distinctive character forming a leading feature in the content of the problem. The prizes will be as follows: *Section I*—Three-movers: first 60/-; second 40/-; third 20/-. Special for the best complete-block entry 20/-. *Section II*—Two-movers: first 40/-; second 25/-; third 15/-. Special for the best complete-block entry 15/-. Honourable mentions will be given at the discretion of the judges. Competitors may enter not more than two problems in each section joint compositions counting as one to each composer concerned. Entries should be sent to Mr. D. Pirnie 10 Northwood Road Highgate, London, N.6, to be received not later than 31st March, 1926. The competing problems are to become the property of the Society, and a selection of them will be used for the purpose of a Solving Tournament prior to the publication of the award. The names of the judges will be announced later. A copy of the award will be sent to each competitor. It is expected the Solving Competition will commence next February, particulars of which will be duly announced.

"WESTERN MORNING NEWS AND MERCURY" HALF-YEARLY COMPETITIONS.

First Prize Two-mover.

By A. ELLERMAN.

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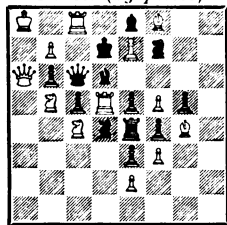
WHITE (11 pieces)

Mate in two.

First Prize (*ex æquo*) for "Mutates."

By C. E. KEMP.

BLACK (13 pieces)



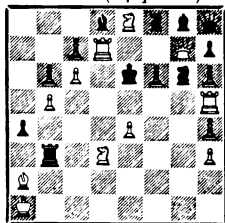
WHITE (13 pieces)

Mate in two.

First Prize (*ex æquo*) for "Mutates."

By A. P. POWELL.

BLACK (14 pieces)



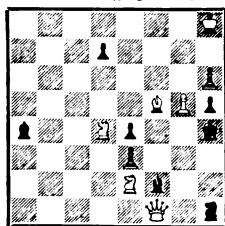
WHITE (11 pieces)

Mate in two.

First Prize Three-mover

By K. S. HOWARD.

BLACK (9 pieces)



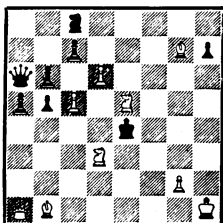
WHITE (6 pieces)

Mate in three.

Hon. mentions.—*Two-movers*: Rev. N. Bonavia-Hunt, A. Ellerman (2) and J. Nield. "*Mutate*" *Two-movers*: C. E. Kemp, *Three-movers*: Norris Easter. Mr. G. F. Anderson made the award.

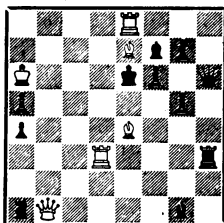
"WIENER SCHACHZEITUNG" TOURNEY, 1924.

First Prize.
By K. A. L. KUBBEL.
BLACK (8 pieces)



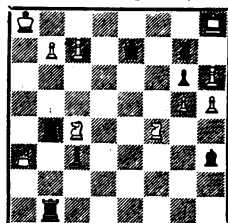
WHITE (9 pieces)
Mate in three.

Second Prize.
By L. KNOTEK.
BLACK (11 pieces)



WHITE (6 pieces)
Mate in three.

Third Prize.
By K. HANNEMANN.
BLACK (7 pieces)



WHITE (10 pieces)
Mate in three.

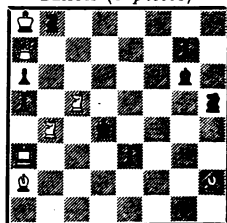
Fourth prize, Dr. E. Zepler ; fifth, V. Marin ; sixth, F. Simchowitch.

We should like our solvers to give their special attention to K. Hannemann's three-mover, which strikes us as being uncommonly ingenious and original for these days. In doing this we are in no way reflecting upon the decision of the judges, though we fancy among those who favour the type of problem exhibiting sharpness of idea in preference to other desirable merits, many have views of their own.

REVISTA DE SAH TOURNEY, 1925.

Second and third *ex æquo*, A. Grinblat and A. Sifman ; fourth, R. Cofman and I. Critman. hon. mentions, A. Grinblat and V. Ianovic. These problems do not possess features of outstanding interest to warrant our taking up space for presenting them.

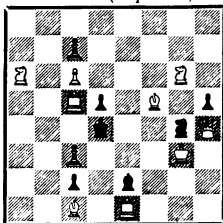
First Prize.
By A. GRINBLAT.
BLACK (8 pieces)



WHITE (7 pieces)
Mate in two.

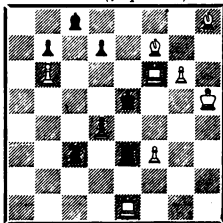
UPSAL CHESS SOCIETY TOURNEY.

First Prize.
By J. KOVACS.
BLACK (8 pieces)



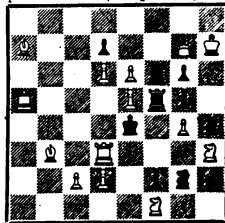
WHITE (9 pieces)
Mate in two.

Second Prize.
By P. ten Cate.
BLACK (7 pieces)



WHITE (8 pieces)
Mate in two.

Third Prize.
By E. BOSWELL.
BLACK (10 pieces)



WHITE (14 pieces)
Mate in two.

Fourth prize, B. Sandor ; hon. mentions, B. Sandor and E. G. Schuller.

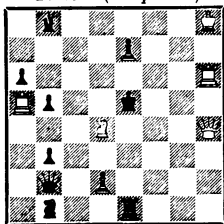
By a printers' error the original problems in the November issue were numbered wrongly. The correct numbers are 2,539, 2,540, 2,541 and 2,542.

"NEWCASTLE WEEKLY CHRONICLE" TOURNEY.

First Prize.

By R. G. THOMSON.

BLACK (10 pieces)



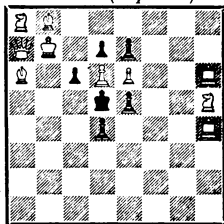
WHITE (5 pieces)

Mate in two.

Second Prize.

By E. BOSWELL.

BLACK (6 pieces)



WHITE (10 pieces)

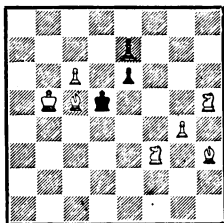
Mate in two.

CONSTRUCTION NOTE.

In connection with the two light four-movers honorably mentioned in the B.C.P.S. Tourney (see page 481) the two problems below may be interesting.

By W. A. SHINKMAN.

BLACK (3 pieces)

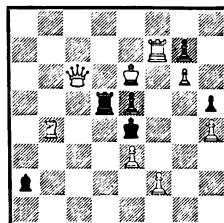


WHITE (7 pieces)

Mate in two.

By D. PAP.

BLACK (6 pieces)



WHITE (8 pieces)

Mate in four.

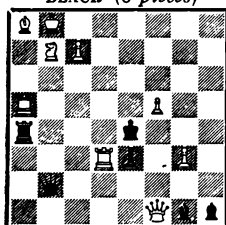
We do not intend to convey the impression by reprinting these positions that the Award of the judges is questioned. The three-mover was, we believe, one of a set of problems awarded second prize in the "Centennial" Tourney of America in 1878. Although it really does not anticipate Dr. Kreijeik's four-mover, there is some resemblance in the strategic motif, notably the retreat of the Bishop in a complete block situation, manipulated with minor pieces. In the case of A. W. Mongredin's and D. Pap's four-mover, there is perhaps a closer similarity. The latter problem was given by Dr. Zukertort in the *London Chess Monthly* about 1881, but we find from Alain C. White's *The White King* (1914) it originally appeared in the *Wiener Salonblatt* (1872). The White King's two moves making way for the Queen to pin the Pawn, followed by the Rook mating, is the device in both compositions, but treated differently.

"IL CIRCOLO CENTURINI" TWO-MOVE TOURNEY.

This Tourney was instituted in memory of the eminent two-move composer, G. Guidelli. The Award by Alain C. White forms the subject of a special number of *L'Alfiere di Re*. The issue contains 131 of the competing problems and some fifteen others which have a bearing upon them, mostly to give point to the painstaking report.

First Prize,
By A. ELLERMAN
(Buenos Aires).

BLACK (6 pieces)

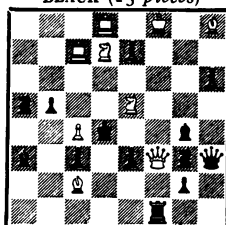


WHITE (9 pieces)

Mate in two.

Second Prize.
By A. MARI
(Geneva)

BLACK (13 pieces)

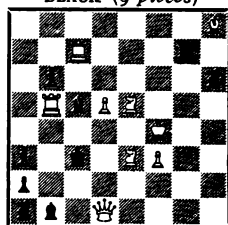


WHITE (9 pieces)

Mate in two.

Third Prize.
By A. MARI
(Geneva).

BLACK (9 pieces)



WHITE (9 pieces)

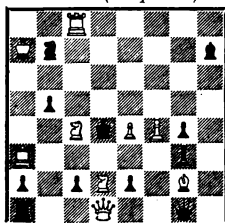
Mate in two.

Fourth prize, C. Mansfield (Bristol); hon. mentions: first, A. Ellerman; second, A. Mari (3) and A. Ellermann (2) *ex æquo*; third, Rev. N. Bonavia-Hunt (London) and I. T. Funk (Altona) *ex æquo*; fourth, M. Grünfeld (Riga).

"BRISBANE COURIER" TOURNEY.

First Prize.
By K. A. K. LARSEN
(Denmark).

BLACK (11 pieces)

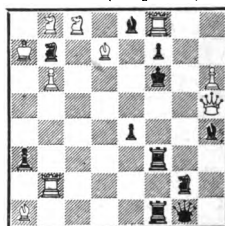


WHITE (9 pieces)

Mate in two.

Second Prize.
By C. R. B. SUMNER

BLACK (11 pieces)



WHITE (10 pieces)

Mate in two.

LE PROBLÈME D'ECHECS. LES ECOLES, LES GENRES, LA SOLUTION.

Very few works dealing with Chess problems have been issued from the French press, and if only for this reason *Le Problème d'Echecs* is welcome. From the title page it appears to be the work of Alain C. White and Georges Renaud, but there is no Preface or Introduction to show how the excellent contents were prepared. The little volume is packed with most engaging information, historical and technical. The chief matters dealt with (and they are ably treated)

are Rules of Composition, Difficulty, Beauty, Originality, Variety, Correctness and Themes. A useful Glossary of terms relating to two-movers is given, and this class of problem comes in for a good share of exposition. The Chapters on Schools are both interesting and edifying, the names of the respective principal exponents being chronicled. Fairy Chess comes in for pleasant consideration, about thirty varieties being the subject of illustration and explanation. A selection of sixty-four problems, with solutions and criticisms, conclude this entertaining and instructive work, which should become a possession of every composer and solver. It is very nicely printed and arranged under unmistakable headings.

CHESS "ECHOES."

Fr. Dedrle, Brno (Brunn), Solokska 10, Czechoslovakia, who, it may be remembered, wrote the interesting Introduction to Mr. A. C. White's *Bohemian Garnets*, will publish under the title "*Echo*" a collection of chess problems featuring echoes. He would like the book to become a complete collection of the best work of this kind, and therefore asks composers to send him their works. He would be specially thankful for good problems which have already been published. The great number of examples which have been already collected, must be restricted—for technical purposes—to 600 or 700 diagrams. The reproduction of these lines in the chess-columns would be appreciated.

SOLVERS' SCORE—"LADDER" COMPETITION,

Problems (October) 2,535 to 2,538 inclusive.

*Dr. Tennant Bruce (130) 5-5-10-10 (160); L. W. Cafferata (130); *R. W. Clark (Canada) (155); J. Chadwick (Sydney) (100); †A. T. Cannell (440) 5-5-10-10 (480); *W. H. Cutland (585); J. W. Davis (240); *J. C. Derlien (200) 5-5-10-10 (230); Rev. A. S. Dean (400); R. J. Darval (Albara, Sudan) (125); J. Erpinosaf (Barcelona) (40); *C. Folley (520); A. Galbraith (135); **Albert H. Haddy (545) 5-5-10-10 (575); †W. F. Herbert (20); *Rev. F. O'D. Hoare (0) 5-5-10-10 (30); ††G. Stillingfleet Johnson (135) 5-5-10-10 (165); N. V. Joshi (Pusa, India) (0) Sept. (30); Frederick Lee (250) 5-5-10-20 (290); J. A. Lewis (560) 5-5-10-10 (590); *Hubert Lees (0) July 30 + August 40 (70); T. N. R. Leistikow (285); D. Murray (505); *Johannes Neilson (Ribe, Denmark) (365) 5-5-10-10 (395); †A. Peacock (140) 5-5-10-10 (170); E. W. Punnett (305); T. Rosenfield (455); W. H. Rawlings (Montreal) (50); Rev. J. Schipper (305) 5-5-10 10 (335); F. W. Syberg (185); O. L. Telling (Monte Carlo) (110); **"Tiro" (Ribe, Denmark) (580) 5-5-10-10 (610); R. G. Tyzack (245) 5-5-10-20 (285); A. C. Vaughan (385) 5-5-10-10 (415); Rev. E. Wells (285) 5-5-10-10 (315); W. A. Way (Malay States) (355 + Aug. 40 = 395); H. A. Warwell (115) 5-5-10-10 (145).

We have had to send the above to press this month a little earlier than usual as the December issue contains the Index or the current

volume. This may account for the fact that some of our solvers' solutions are not here credited. In any event the score of "Tiro" could not be equalled, and his total of 610 brings him to the top on the October totals. First star!

SOLUTIONS.

No. 2,535 by A. Ellermann.—1 R—K1. An unusual-looking position and as a pure waiter is easy to solve. The best mates follow 1... P—K5 and Q—B3. There is a dual when Black plays Q—Kt1, Kt3 or R4.

No. 2,536, by F. Somna.—1 Kt—Q5. A capital key-move, but the variety is rather limited. The Black Knight stops 1 Kt—Q1 cooking the problem.

No. 2,537, by C. Gavriliow.—1 Q—R3, B×Kt; 2 R—K5 ch. If 1... R—B2 or K3; 2 P—B5 dis ch. If 1... others; 2 Kt—B6 ch. A somewhat natural key-move to make but the Pawn's movements are prettily worked in and are amusing.

No. 2,538, by M. Soukup.—1 P—B4 Kt—B7; 2 B—R1. If 1... P—B7; 2 Q—K1. If 1... P Queens; 2 Q×Q. R—Kt7 also solves this. If, however, the Rook is transferred to KR8 Black defends by Queening the Pawn on the second move.

By K. A. L. Kubbel (p. 480).—1 Q—QB1, Q Kt moves (threat); 2 Q—K3 ch, P×Q; 3 Kt—Kt3 ch. If 1... Kt—R4; 2 P—K3 ch, K—K4; 3 P×P ch. If 1... P Queens (threat); 2 B×P, Q×Q (If 1... P×B; 2 Q×KB P ch. If 2... Q—B6; 3 Q or P—K3 ch); 3 P—K3 ch. If 1... K—K4; 2 Q—K3 ch, K—B3; 3 B×BP. If 1... B×Kt; 2 B×P, K—K5; 3 P—B3 ch.

By Dr. E. Palkoska (p. 480).—1 KKt—K2, B—Kt7; 2 Q—Q Kt7, B×P or any; 3 Kt—Q Kt3 ch. If 1... B—R6 or Kt P moves; 2 Q—K4, B—B4 (If 2... Kt—Q6; 3 Q×Kt); 3 Kt—Q Kt3 ch. If 1... Kt—B5; 2 Q×Kt P ch, Kt—Kt7 (If 2... Kt—K4; 3 Q—Kt7); 3 Kt—Q4. If 1... B×Kt; 2 Q×B, Pawns move; 3 Q—QB2. If 1... P—Q4; 2 Q×RP.

By Dr. E. Palkoska (p. 480).—1 Q—K7, B—B or K1; 2 Kt—B6, P×Kt (If 2... B—Q2; 3 Q—K5); 3 B—B7. If 1... B—B4; 2 Kt—B4; R×Kt (If 2... B—Q2; 3 Q—K5); 3 B—B7. If 1... B—K3; 2 B—B7. If 1... R—Kt4; 2 P×R, K or B moves (If 2... others; 3 Q—K5); 3 B—B7. If 1... R—Kt7 or 8; 2 Q—K5, R×B or to Q Kt8; 3 Kt—B4.

By K. Hannemann (p. 481).—1 P—Q4, R×Kt; 2 P—K8 (Kt), R—Kt2; 3 Kt×R. If 1... R—Q4 or KB4; 2 P—K8 (B), R—Q2 or B2 (If ... R—Q1 ch; 3 K×R); 3 B×R. If 1... R—Kt7; 2 P—K8 (R), R—K7; 3 R×R. If 1... R—Kt8; 2 P—K8 (Q), R×B; 3 Q×P. If 1... R×P, to K4 or R4; 2 P or R×R.

By Dr. J. Kreijeik (p. 481).—1 B—R4, K moves; 2 B—B2, K—R4 (If 2... K—B4; 3 Kt—Kt4 ch. If 2... K—R2; 3 Kt—K5 ch); 3 B—Kt1.

By A. W. Mongredin (p. 481).—1 K—B6, P—Q6; 2 K—Kt7, any; 3 Q—B6. If 1... B—Kt6 or B7; 2 Q—R8, B—Q4 or K5; 3 Q×B.

By H. Ott (p. 481).—1 Q—Kt2, B—Kt6; 2 Q×Kt, Kt—B5 (If 2... B—B5; 3 Q—Q4. If 2... Kt—B3; 3 Q×Kt. If 2... R—R1; 3 R—Kt8 ch); 3 Q—R8 ch. If 1... Kt—Kt4; 2 B×B, Kt—B3; 3 R—B7.

By M. Niemeyer (p. 481).—1 KR—B8, R—R1 or P—Kt5 (threat); 2 P—K5, Q×P or R×R; 3 P—Q6 ch. If 2... B×P; 3 B×R ch. If 2... B—B3; 3 P×B; 3 P—Q6 ch. If 1... Q—QB8 or KKt8 (threat); 2 Kt—B5, any; 3 P—Q6 ch. If 1... Q—Q5; 2 Kt×Q. If 1... Q—K4; 2 P—Q6 ch. If 1... Q—B3; 2 KR—K8 ch, K—B2; 3 R—Q7 ch. If 1... B—B5 or B×Kt; 2 Kt×B, Q—Q5, K4 or B3; 3 B×R. If 1... B—Q3, 2 QR—K8 ch, K—Q2; 3 R—B7 ch.

By Dr. E. Palkoska (p. 483).—1 K—R8 (threat); 2 B—B8. If 1... R×B; 2 P—K6 dis ch. If 1... P—B6; 2 Q—Kt8 ch. A fine key with ingenious continuations. The try 1 K—R6 is a near thing.

By Dr. F. Rduch (p. 483).—1 R—Q 7, B×P: 2 R—Q 3! If 1... B—K 7 or B 8; 2 Q—R 8. If 1... B—Q 6; 2 R×B. If 1... B—Kt 6, R 7; 2 Q—Q 2. If 1... K—Q 2; 2 Kt—B 8 ch. If 1... K×P; 2 Q—B 3 ch. The position in the margin is the version which Dr. Rduch sent us and to which we referred last month. He remarks that it is a more economical rendering of his second prize problem. We agree, since it converts two "clean" mates into "models," makes use of the White King and substitutes two White Pawns for an inactive Knight. It is an excellent problem despite the give-and-take key, and unusually difficult to solve. The reply to 1... B×P is very clever.

By M. Havel (p. 483).—1 Q—K Kt 8 (threat); 2 R—B 3 dbl ch. If 1... K—B 5; 2 K Kt—Q 6 ch. If 1... K—K 6; 2 Q—Kt 3 ch. If 1... K—K 5; 2 Q—Kt 4 ch. If 1... P—Kt 6 (threat); 2 Kt—K 5 ch. If 1... Q×Kt; 2 Q×Q. If 1... Q×R; 3 B×Q ch. It is remarkable that with such a powerful battery with other potentialities this position is sound. Some good points are presented and it is not easy to see through the intricacies.

By J. Scheel (p. 483).—1 R—K B 5, Kt×R or Kt—K 5; 2 Q×P ch. If 1... K—K 6; 2 Kt—R 3 dis ch. If 1... P—Q 7; 2 Q×Kt ch. If 1... others; 2 Kt—K 2 ch. The model mates of different character are skilfully blended, that given by the Bishop being unexpected.

By Henriksen and Knudsen (p. 483).—1 Q—Q 1 (threat); 2 Q—Kt 4 ch. If 1... Kt×B or Kt—Q 3; 2 Kt—B 4 ch. If 1... K—Q 4; 2 Q—B 3 ch. If 1... Kt×P; 2 P—Kt 8 (Q). The diagonal model mates are very pleasing. The key, however, is one soon discovered. The answer to 1... Kt×P, though a strong one, is quite difficult to find.

By Dr. F. Rduch (p. 483).—1 R—Kt 3, P×R; 2 Q B×P dis ch. If 1... P×B; 2 Q—Q 6 ch. If 1... P—B 4; 2 K B×P dis ch. If 1... others; 2 R×P ch. The two double check model mates, the feature of this three-mover, are cleverly brought about. The key is a fine one, but beyond these features there is not much to interest.

By A. Mari (p. 484).—1 Q—R 8.

By J. Colpa (p. 484).—1 Q—Q 1.

By M. Riedl (p. 484).—1 Q—K 2.

By Dr. G. Kaiser (p. 485).—1 B—Kt 8. For full solution see page 371.

By A. Mosely (p. 485).—1 K Kt—K 6.

By H. D'O. Bernard (p. 485).—1 R—R 1.

By H. van Beck (p. 485).—1 Q—Q 7. For full solution see page 401.

By C. H. Brockelbank (p. 486).—1 R—R 5 ch, K—Kt 3; 2 P—Kt 5, K—B 5; 3 P—Kt 6 dis ch, K—Q 5; 4 R—K B 5, Kt—K 3 mate. Mr. Brockelbank wrote us too late cancelling this position which we unfortunately selected from several he sent us. It was the only one where he used a White Pawn at K R 5. In one or two of his versions he showed the "switch-back" movements of the Black Bishop and Black Rook, and to our door must be laid the unlucky selection:

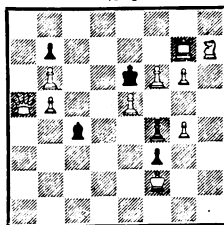
By N. K. Malachoff (p. 487).—1 K—B 8, K×P; 2 Q—K 1. If 1... K×R; 2 Q—K 7 ch. If 1... B—Kt 8; 2 Q×P. If 1... others; 2 Q—Q 8. A clearance key of much merit, whilst the three quiet second moves are very nice and even that giving check leads to good model mate.

By F. Simchowitch (p. 487).—1 B—Q 3, K R×Q; 2 R—Q 5. If 1... Q R×R; 2 Q—R 8. If 1... P×R; 2 Q—Q 4. If 1... K R×R; 2 Q—R 1 ch. If 1... P—R 6; 2 B—B 4. If 1... R—R 7; 2 Q×K R. This does not look like a block problem, but such it is. There are six second moves of White with only one which checks. Quite a strategic feat.

By N. K. Malachoff (p. 487).—1 R—K 3 (threat); 2 R×Q B. If 1... P×Q P; 2 Q—R 5 ch. If 1... B—K B 6; 2 R×B ch. If 1... B—K 4; 2 P—B 3. Not nearly so good as the other problem by this author. The key, is easy to see and the continuations are not special, though the reply to 1... B—K 4 is none too simple.

By Dr. F. RDUCH.

BLACK (5 pieces)

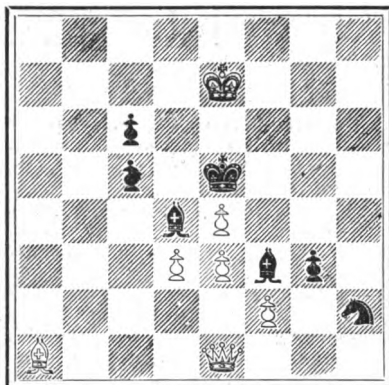


WHITE (10 pieces)

Mate in three.

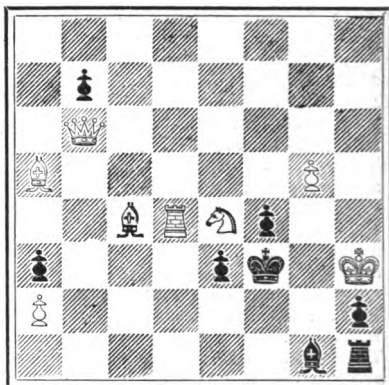
ORIGINAL PROBLEMS.

No. 2,543.

By W. E. CAINE
(Southsea).BLACK (7 *pieces*)WHITE (7 *pieces*)

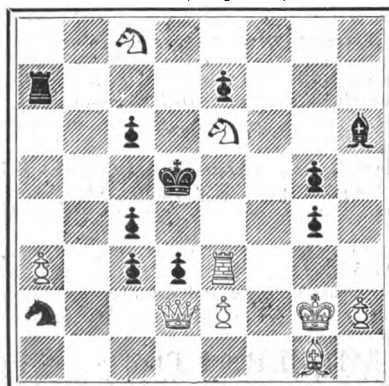
White mates in two moves.

No. 2,544.

By K. SYPNIEWSKI
(Warsaw).BLACK (8 *pieces*)WHITE (8 *pieces*)

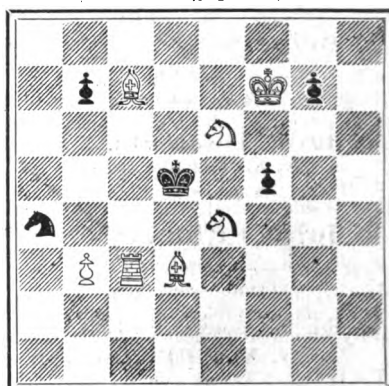
White mates in two moves.

No. 2,545.

By ROBERT KINTZIG
(Piliscsaba, Hungary).BLACK (11 *pieces*)WHITE (9 *pieces*)

White mates in three moves.

No. 2,546.

By B. G. LAWS
(London).BLACK (5 *pieces*)WHITE (7 *pieces*)

White mates in three moves.

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